UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DOUGLAS K. STEWARD,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
v.	:	Civil Action No. 16-734 (CKK)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter comes before the court on review of plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and *pro se* civil complaint. The Court will grant the application, and dismiss the complaint.

In its entirety, plaintiff's complaint alleges:

> LIED, ILLEGALLY ARRESTED TO COVER UP OTHER CRIMES BY WHITE CRIMINAL COPS AND THEIR COHORTS.

Compl. at 1 (emphasis in original). For this, he demands a judgment in the sum of $3 billion. *Id*.

The Court has reviewed plaintiff's complaint, keeping in mind that complaints filed by *pro se* litigants are held to less stringent standards than those applied to formal pleadings drafted by lawyers. *See Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972). Even *pro se* litigants, however, must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires that a complaint contain a short and plain statement of the grounds upon which the Court's jurisdiction depends, a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief, and a demand for judgment for the relief the pleader seeks. Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). The purpose of the minimum

standard of Rule 8 is to give fair notice to the defendants of the claims being asserted, sufficient to prepare a responsive answer, to prepare an adequate defense and to determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

This complaint does not set forth a statement of a cognizable claim showing plaintiff's entitlement to relief. Because it fails to meet the standard set forth in Rule 8(a), the complaint will be dismissed. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE: April 25, 2016

/s/
COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY
United States District Judge