testimony of the government's witness, he "was put in a position where [he had] no other choice but to plead guilty." *Id.* at 2-3. Plaintiff claims that there "was a secret plan by a group to do something unlawful and harmful to [him]." *Id.* at 3. He "want[s] . . . three individuals," who are not named as defendants, "brought to Justice." *Id.* He also seeks $3 million for pain and suffering.

The District of Columbia may be held liable under federal law "for constitutional torts arising from 'action pursuant to official municipal policy,'" established by lawmakers or officials with final policy-making authority. *Atherton v. District of Columbia Off. of Mayor*, 567 F.3d 672, 691 (D.C. Cir. 2009) (quoting *Triplett v. District of Columbia*, 108 F.3d 1450, 1453 (D.C. Cir. 1997)). The District's liability does not extend to the judicial proceedings underlying this action. *See El-Amin v. Downs*, 272 F. Supp. 3d 147, 152 (D.D.C. 2017) (dismissing claim against the District resting "on the erroneous premise that the decision rendered by the presiding judge at [a] criminal trial constituted policymaking") (quoting *Mackey v. Helfrich*, 442 Fed. Appx. 948, 950 (5th Cir. 2011); *Burns v. Mayes*, 369 Fed. Appx. 526, 531 (5th Cir. 2010); *Granda v. City of St. Louis*, 472 F.3d 565, 569 (8th Cir. 2007)). Therefore, no claim is stated against the District.

Plaintiff would fare no better had he named the participants of the Superior Court proceedings because the immunity of state judges and prosecutors sued for "perform[ing] official functions in the judicial process," *Briscoe v. LaHue*, 460 U.S. 325, 334 (1983), is "well established," as is the "immunity of parties and witnesses . . . in judicial proceedings," *id.* at 330. As a result, the Court would be required to dismiss any such claim immediately on the ground that it "seeks monetary relief against [an immune] defendant[.]" 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e) (2)(B)(iii).

Consequently, this case will be dismissed. A separate order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

CHRISTOPHER R. COOPER
United States District Judge

Date: September 13, 2018

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