

United States Court of Federal Claims

No. 18-864 C

Filed: October 5, 2018

CASSANDRA D. METTS,

Pro Se Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

Cassandra D. Metts, pro se plaintiff.

Albert Salvatore Iarossi, Esquire, United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, Washington, D.C., for defendant.

ORDER AND OPINION

Plaintiff Cassandra D. Metts filed a Complaint in June 2018, seeking damages against the United States related to Social Security disability claims, defamation, “obstruction of religious belief, [and] harassment of [her] religious group and belief system.” Metts also requests a court order charging the defendants with crimes of harassment against church members.


Ms. Metts names an array of co-defendants with the United States, including certain “retired Baltimore City & state employees.” United States filed a Motion to Dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to RCFC 12(b)(1).

This court generally hears actions against the United States in which Congress has waived its sovereign immunity pursuant to the Tucker Act. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1491(a)(1). We reviewed the Complaint in a light most favorable to this plaintiff and took into consideration the court’s obligation to consider allegations of pro se pleadings with wide latitude compared to those drafted by attorneys, nevertheless we cannot discern a claim within our jurisdiction. We do not have jurisdiction over social security claims. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 405(g); *Addams-More v. United States*, 81 Fed. Cl. 312, 315 (2008). We do not hear tort claims of the nature described here, such as defamation or civil wrongs committed by agents of the United States. *Brown v. United States*, 35 Fed. Cl. 258, 267 (1996), *aff’d*,

105 F.3d 621, 624 (Fed. Cir. 1997). Our jurisdiction does not include claims based on criminal violations. *Sanders v. United States*, 252 F.3d 1329, 1333-34 (Fed. Cir. 2001).

For the reasons stated herein, the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss pursuant to RCFC 12(b)(1) is GRANTED. Ms. Metts' Motion for Hearing is moot and therefore DENIED. No costs.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Robert H. Hodges, Jr.
Judge