

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

ALLAH AKBAR BURMAN, # 97337-079

Plaintiff,

v

CHRISTOPHER ROMANO,
JOSHUA WEBSTER, and
MATTHEW McCORMACK.

Defendants

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Civil Action No. DKC-12-3545

MEMORANDUM

Allah Akbar Burman has filed a complaint titled “This court has no subject matter jurisdiction to proceed for want of a contract of corporate franchise or other nexus.” ECF No. 1. For reasons to follow, the complaint will be dismissed as frivolous and for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

Because Plaintiff is “a prisoner seek[ing] redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity,”¹ the court has an obligation to screen this complaint. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). “On review, the court shall ... dismiss the complaint, or any portion of the complaint, if [it]—(1) is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted; or (2) seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b). “[A] complaint, containing as it does both factual allegations and legal conclusions, is frivolous where it lacks an arguable basis either in law or in fact.” *Neitzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989).

¹ Although Plaintiff does not identify Defendants, the court takes notice that Christopher Romano is an Assistant United States Attorney and Matthew McCormack is a federal agent. Both were involved in proceedings concerning the forfeiture of property consequent to Burman’s arrest. *See Burman v. United States*, Civil Action No. L-03-1165 (D. Md 2007); *Burman v. United States*, Civil Action No. L-09-1070 (D. Md. 2010).

