



October 26, 2018.

Although plaintiff's response to the show-cause order provides a more detailed factual account of the incident, even a lenient reading of that six-page account fails to disclose any clear claims against defendant. Plaintiff may be attempting, among other things, to assert civil rights claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for unlawful seizure under the Fourth Amendment and for discriminatory conduct in violation of the Equal Protection or Due Process Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment. However the complaint fails to identify any specific causes of action upon which relief can be granted.

Rule 8 requires that a complaint include "a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction"; "a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief"; and "a demand for the relief sought." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2). At a minimum, the complaint must "give the defendant fair notice of what the plaintiff's claim is and the grounds upon which it rests." *Calvi v. Knox County*, 470 F.3d 422, 430 (1st Cir. 2006) (quotations omitted). As pleaded, the complaint fails to comport with the requirements of Rule 8.

Accordingly, Harper is hereby directed to file an amended complaint on or before November 29, 2018, that complies with Rule 8. Failure to do so will likely result in dismissal of the action.

**So Ordered.**

Dated: November 2, 2018

/s/ F. Dennis Saylor IV  
F. Dennis Saylor IV  
United States District Judge