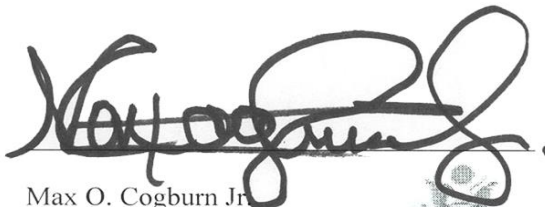


Plaintiff has moved to strike all 15 of defendant's affirmative defenses. The key to affirmative defenses is fair notice, not plausibility. Whether defendant has provided evidence to support its defenses is inconsequential at this point. See Pracht v. Saga Freight Logistics, LLC, No. 3:13-CV-529, 2014 WL 1281189, at *1 (W.D.N.C. Mar. 27, 2014) (denying motion to strike despite argument that allegations were "unsupported statements" where allegations had bearing on plaintiff's claim). Plaintiff has not shown the affirmative defenses have "no possible bearing upon the subject matter to the litigation," Simaan, Inc. v. BP Products North America, Inc., 395 F. Supp. 2d 271, 278 (M.D.N.C. 2005), or that the inclusion of these affirmative defenses is prejudicial to him in any way. See Brown, 394 F. Supp. 2d at 727. Therefore, the Court finds that plaintiff has not met his burden under Rule 12(f). Having considered plaintiff's motion and reviewed the pleadings, the Court enters the following Order.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that plaintiff's *pro se* Motion to Strike Answer to Amended Complaint (#28) is **DENIED**.

Signed: March 13, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Max O. Cogburn Jr.", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge