

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

CARLET MACKLIN,	)	Case No.: 1:11 CV 1817
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Plaintiff	)	
	)	JUDGE SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.
v.	)	
	)	
CLEVELAND POLICE	)	<u>MEMORANDUM OF OPINION</u>
DEPARTMENT, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	<u>AND ORDER</u>
	)	
Defendants	)	

*Pro se* Plaintiff Carlet Macklin filed this action against the Cleveland Police Department, the “Prosecutor’s Office,” Carlet Mackler<sup>1</sup>, and Samantha Clovin. In the Complaint, Plaintiff asks only that the Defendants be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Plaintiff also filed an Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*. That Application is granted.

**Background**

The Complaint is very brief. In its entirety, it states:

Have been fraudulently switching paper work false statement on court bribery fraudulently police report, altering information harassment from people we don’t know. At the shelter hidden upstairs using back door

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<sup>1</sup> The Court notes this Defendant has a name that is very similar to the Plaintiff’s name. Because Plaintiff utilized a preprinted Complaint form, it is possible the Plaintiff was inadvertently listed as a Defendant.

coming in at night and in the morning. I moved down here February 24, 2011 due to identity theft of my son Curtis Thomas, Jr. who father is born and raised here Curtis Thomas, Sr. which we were identity theft by people who have AIDS and other unknown disease. This people are criminal an is using some father name Robert, Tony Jones saying he is Tony Thomas.

(ECF # 1 at 1).

### Standard of Review

Although *pro se* pleadings are liberally construed, *Boag v. MacDougall*, 454 U.S. 364, 365 (1982) (per curiam); *Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972), the district court is required to dismiss an *in forma pauperis* action under 28 U.S.C. §1915(e) if it fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, or if it lacks an arguable basis in law or fact.<sup>2</sup> *Neitzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319 (1989); *Lawler v. Marshall*, 898 F.2d 1196 (6th Cir. 1990); *Sistrunk v. City of Strongsville*, 99 F.3d 194, 197 (6th Cir. 1996). A claim lacks an arguable basis in law or fact when it is premised on an indisputably meritless legal theory or when the factual contentions are clearly baseless. *Neitzke*, 490 U.S. at 327. A cause of action fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted when it lacks “plausibility in the complaint.” *Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 564 (2007). A pleading must contain a “short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.” *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S.Ct. 1937, 1949 (2009). The factual allegations in the pleading must be sufficient to raise the right to relief above the speculative level on the assumption that all

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<sup>2</sup> An *in forma pauperis* claim may be dismissed *sua sponte*, without prior notice to the plaintiff and without service of process on the defendant, if the court explicitly states that it is invoking section 1915(e) [formerly 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d)] and is dismissing the claim for one of the reasons set forth in the statute. *McGore v. Wrigglesworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 608-09 (6th Cir. 1997); *Spruytte v. Walters*, 753 F.2d 498, 500 (6th Cir. 1985), *cert. denied*, 474 U.S. 1054 (1986); *Harris v. Johnson*, 784 F.2d 222, 224 (6th Cir. 1986); *Brooks v. Seiter*, 779 F.2d 1177, 1179 (6th Cir. 1985).

the allegations in the Complaint are true. *Bell Atl. Corp.*, 550 U.S. at 555. The Plaintiff is not required to include detailed factual allegations, but must provide more than “an unadorned, the-defendant-unlawfully-harmed-me accusation.” *Iqbal*, 129 S.Ct. at 1949. A pleading that offers legal conclusions or a simple recitation of the elements of a cause of action will not meet this pleading standard. *Id.* In reviewing a Complaint, the Court must construe the pleading in the light most favorable to the Plaintiff. *Bibbo v. Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.*, 151 F.3d 559, 561 (6th Cir.1998).

### **Discussion**

Plaintiff has not established a basis for federal court jurisdiction. Although this Court recognizes that *pro se* pleadings are held to a less stringent standard than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers, *Haines*, 404 U.S. at 520-21, the duty to be less stringent with *pro se* Complaints does not require this Court to create a claim for Plaintiff or conjure up unpled allegations. *See Wells v. Brown*, 891 F.2d 591, 594 (6th Cir. 1989). To do so would require the Court “to explore exhaustively all potential claims of a *pro se* plaintiff, [and] would also transform the district court from its legitimate advisory role to the improper role of an advocate seeking out the strongest arguments and most successful strategies for a party.” *Beaudett v. City of Hampton*, 775 F.2d 1274, 1278 (4th Cir.1985). Even liberally construed, the Court can find no federal cause of action to support subject matter jurisdiction.

### **Conclusion**

Accordingly, Plaintiff’s Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* is granted and this action is dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915(e). The Court certifies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915(a)(3),

that an appeal from this decision could not be taken in good faith.<sup>3</sup>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.  
CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

November 29, 2011

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<sup>3</sup> 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) provides:

An appeal may not be taken *in forma pauperis* if the trial court certifies that it is not taken in good faith.