

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

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| ISRAEL RONDON, |) | CASE NO. 1:13 CV 1678 |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
| |) | JUDGE DAVID D. DOWD, JR. |
| v. |) | |
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| MIDDLEBURG HTS.–BEREA |) | |
| BUILDING DEPT., |) | MEMORANDUM OPINION |
| |) | AND ORDER |
| Defendant. |) | |

On August 2, 2013, *pro se* plaintiff Israel Rondon, filed this action against the Middleburg Heights – Berea Building Department. While the Complaint is unclear, Plaintiff appears to assert that Defendant intimidated and coerced him into executing a commercial contract, to wit: “a 1 year BMV License Plates Contract.” (Compl. at 2.)

Principles requiring generous construction of *pro se* pleadings are not without limits. *Beaudett v. City of Hampton*, 775 F.2d 1274, 1277 (4th Cir. 1985). Even given the most liberal construction, the Complaint does not contain allegations remotely suggesting Plaintiff might have a valid federal claim, or even that there is a reasonable basis for this Court’s jurisdiction. This case is therefore appropriately subject to summary dismissal. *Apple v. Glenn*, 183 F.3d 477 (6th Cir. 1999); *see, Hagans v. Lavine*, 415 U.S. 528, 536-37 (1974) (citing numerous Supreme

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Court cases for the proposition that attenuated or unsubstantial claims divest the district court of jurisdiction); *see also, In re Bendectin Litig.*, 857 F.2d 290, 300 (6th Cir. 1988) (recognizing that federal question jurisdiction is divested by unsubstantial claims).

Accordingly, this action is dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

October 15, 2013

Date

s/David D. Dowd, Jr.

David D. Dowd, Jr.

U.S. District Judge