

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ORDER

It is well-established that a trial court has the discretion to decide whether a complaint is frivolous, and such finding is appropriate when the facts alleged are irrational or wholly incredible. See Denton v. Hernandez, 504 U.S. 25, 33 (1992); Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989) (“[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.”). Having reviewed the plaintiff’s complaint carefully, the Court concludes that what factual contentions are identifiable are baseless and wholly incredible. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Complaint in this case is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.**¹

It is further

ORDERED that the plaintiff's Emergency Motion for Extension of Service of Summons and Complaint, ECF No. 3, is **DENIED AS MOOT**. It is further

ORDERED that this case is **CLOSED**.

¹ If the plaintiff is able to prepare an intelligible complaint that coherently sets forth both the factual and legal basis of her claim or claims for relief, the Court will consider a request to reopen this case and permit the plaintiff to file an amended complaint.

SO ORDERED this 2nd day of June, 2017.

REGGIE B. WALTON
United States District Judge

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SHARON BRIDGEWATER,)
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Plaintiff,)
) Case: 1:17-cv-00056
v.) Assigned To : Unassigned
) Assign. Date : 1/11/2017
LORETTA ELIZABETH LYNCH, *et al.*,) Description: Pro Se Gen. Civil (F Deck)
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Defendants.)

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and her *pro se* civil complaint. The application will be granted, and the complaint will be dismissed.

The Court has reviewed plaintiff's complaint, keeping in mind that complaints filed by *pro se* litigants are held to less stringent standards than those applied to formal pleadings drafted by lawyers. *See Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972). Even *pro se* litigants, however, must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires that a complaint contain a short and plain statement of the grounds upon which the Court's jurisdiction depends, a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief, and a demand for judgment for the relief the pleader seeks. Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). The purpose of the minimum standard of Rule 8 is to give fair notice to the defendants of the claim being asserted, sufficient to prepare a responsive answer, to prepare an adequate defense and to determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

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The Court has reviewed the complaint and finds that it fails to meet the standard set forth in Rule 8(a). The plaintiff manages to name 575 defendants in this action, *see generally* Compl. at 1-114, yet fails to articulate a viable claim against any one of them. Absent a statement of cognizable claims showing the plaintiff's entitlement the relief she demands, the complaint will be dismissed. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

DATE:

January 9, 2017

Ben J. Kroll
United States District Judge

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ORDER

For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, it is hereby
ORDERED that the plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is GRANTED; it
is

FURTHER ORDERED that the plaintiff's motions for a temporary restraining order and for a CM/ECF password are DENIED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the complaint and this civil action are DISMISSED.

This is a final appealable Order. See Fed. R. App. P. 4(a).

SO ORDERED

Beryl A. Howell
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Chief Judge

DATE: *January 9, 2017*

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