

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

MATTHEW J. SHERVEN,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 23-03923 (UNA)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF)	
INVESTIGATION,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Plaintiff, appearing *pro se*, has filed a complaint against the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the application and dismiss the case for want of jurisdiction.

“Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction,” possessing “only that power authorized by Constitution and statute.” *Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am.*, 511 U.S. 375, 377 (1994) (citations omitted). It is “presumed that a cause lies outside this limited jurisdiction, and the burden of establishing the contrary rests upon the party asserting jurisdiction.” *Id.* A party seeking relief in the district court must at least plead facts that bring the suit within the court’s jurisdiction. Failure to plead such facts warrants dismissal of the action. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a); 12(h)(3).

Plaintiff, a resident of Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, alleges implausibly that the FBI is singling him out by “preventing” him “from submitting Freedom of Information Act requests to them” because it “is mad at the Plaintiff for requesting so much information on illegal, covered up, operations that they were conducting.” Compl., ECF No.1 at 2. Allegedly, “whenever the Plaintiff clicks the button to submit a request” via the FBI’s website, “it takes him to a page where he has to fill out his email,” but [i]n the email there is a link that takes the Plaintiff back to the page where

