United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT
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No. 19-7165   **September Term, 2019**

1:19-cv-03086-UNA

Filed On: May 18, 2020

Ronald Satish Emrit,

       Appellant

    v.

National Football League, et al.,

       Appellees

**ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

BEFORE: Griffith, Pillard, and Wilkins, Circuit Judges

J U D G M E N T

This appeal was considered on the record from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and on the brief filed by appellant. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2); D.C. Cir. Rule 34(j). It is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the district court's order filed November 15, 2019, be affirmed. The deficiency in appellant's complaint is not that he failed to allege an injury sufficient to confer Article III standing. See Bennett v. Spear, 520 U.S. 154, 168 (1997) ("[A]t the pleading stage, general factual allegations of injury resulting from the defendant's conduct may suffice.") (internal quotation marks omitted). Rather, appellant's complaint failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6). Appellant's defamation claim does not state a plausible claim for relief because the complaint fails to identify "a false and defamatory statement concerning [him]." Hourani v. Mirtchev, 796 F.3d 1, 16 (D.C. Cir. 2015) (internal quotation marks omitted). And appellant fails to state a claim for trademark infringement under the Lanham Act because the complaint does not allege that he owns a valid mark entitled to protection. See 15 U.S.C. § 1114(1)(a); Am. Soc'y for Testing & Materials. v. Public.Resource.Org, Inc., 896 F.3d 437, 456 (D.C. Cir. 2018).

Pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 36, this disposition will not be published. The Clerk is directed to withhold issuance of the mandate herein until seven days after resolution of any timely petition for rehearing or petition for rehearing en banc. See Fed. R. App. P. 41(b); D.C. Cir. Rule 41.

Per Curiam

                          FOR THE COURT:
                          Mark J. Langer, Clerk

         BY: /s/
                  Daniel J. Reidy
                  Deputy Clerk