

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

Benjamin Cunningham v. John Does

No. 20-5040, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (October 30, 2020)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

United States Court of Appeals FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT _____
No. 20-5040 September Term, 2020 1:19-cv-02073-UNA Filed On: October 30, 2020 Benjamin
Cunningham, Appellant v. John Does, et al., Appellees ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED
STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BEFORE: Henderson and
Katsas, Circuit Judges, and Sentelle, Senior Circuit Judge JUDGMENT This appeal was
considered on the record from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and on
the briefs and appendices filed by appellant.

See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2); D.C. Cir. Rule 34(j). Upon consideration of the foregoing, and the
exhibits and notices filed by appellant, it is ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the district court's
orders filed November 13, 2019, November 27, 2019, and January 2, 2020, be affirmed. Appellant
has not demonstrated that the district court abused its discretion in dismissing the complaint for
failure to comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a), which requires "a short and plain
statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction," and "a short and plain statement of the claim
showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." See *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 677-78 (2009);
Ciralsky v. CIA, 355 F.3d 661, 668-69 (D.C.

Cir. 2004). Nor has appellant shown any abuse of discretion in the district court's denial of his
motion to compel and his motion for reconsideration. See *Ortiz-Diaz v. U.S. Dep't of Housing &
Urban Dev., Office of Inspector Gen.*, 867 F.3d 70, 74 (D.C. Cir. 2017); *Owens v. Republic of
Sudan*, 864 F.3d 751, 818 (D.C. Cir. 2017). United States Court of Appeals FOR THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT _____ No. 20-5040 September Term, 2020 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Circuit Rule 36, this disposition will not be published.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 Page 2