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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2017

RICHARD KNIGHT,

Petitioner

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

COMES NOW THE PETITIONER, RICHARD KNIGHT, by and through his undersigned counsel, and moves for leave of this Court to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this proceeding. Petitioner has been found indigent by each state and federal court in which he has challenged this conviction and sentence and has been permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* before each of those courts: the Florida Supreme Court; the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for B r o w a r d County, Florida; the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

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WHEREFORE, Petitioner moves the Court for leave to proceed in this action *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,



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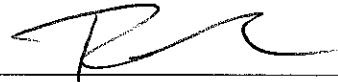
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that a copy of the foregoing document has been served by electronic mail and/or federal express, and/or first-class mail postage prepaid to counsel of record for Respondent, Lisa-Marie Lerner, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, 1515 N. Flagler Drive, Suite 900, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, this 12th day of December, 2017.



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