No.	

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2017

GERQUAN BELTON, PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF OHIO, RESPONDENT

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner Gerquan Belton, through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests leave to file his Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of Ohio, without prepayment of costs or fees, and to proceed *in forma pauperis*, pursuant to Sup. Ct. R. 39.

As of December 21, 2017, Gerquan Belton is incarcerated in an Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction facility. He is 20 years old and without the means to retain counsel. On May 27, 2015, because of indigent circumstances, the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas appointed counsel to represent Gerquan Belton in the state appellate court proceedings. Gerquan Belton has proceeded in *forma pauperis* throughout the state court proceedings. The appointment entry in support of this motion is attached.

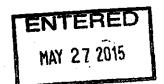
Respectfully submitted,

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Judge Dennis S. Helmick

date



MAY 27 2015

Hon. Dennis S. Helmick By Assignment

5/27/2015

THE STATE OF OHIO, HAMILTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

THE STATE OF OHIO

Plaintiff

CASE No. B-13 03992

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JUDGE DENNIS S. HELMICK

ENTRY APPOINTING Gerquan Bernard Belton

Defendant

APPELLANT COUNSEL

It appearing to the Court that the Defendant is in indigent circumstances, and unable to employ Counsel, and has indicated to the Court his/her desire to appeal the judgment of conviction, the Court hereby appoints:

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Attorney Number: 59479

to represent the Defendant as Counsel in the within cause for the purpose of prosecuting said appeal in the Court of Appeals and, if necessary, in the Supreme Court of this State.