

No. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM 2017

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ERIC SCOTT BRANCH,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

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*On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the  
Supreme Court of Florida*

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**MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

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***THIS IS A CAPITAL CASE  
WITH AN EXECUTION SCHEDULED FOR  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M.***

Petitioner, Eric Scott Branch, respectfully moves to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”), pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, in connection with his filing of a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari and Application for a Stay of Execution. Petitioner is an indigent prisoner on Florida’s death row with an execution scheduled for February 22, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Petitioner was previously granted IFP status by Florida’s state and federal courts. Undersigned counsel of record, Billy H. Nolas, Chief of the Capital Habeas Unit of the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Florida,

was appointed to represent Petitioner by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, under 18 U.S.C. § 3599, on February 8, 2017. Petitioner's co-counsel in this Court, from the Office of the Capital Collateral Regional Counsel—North Region, were appointed to represent Petitioner by the Escambia County Circuit Court, under Fla. Stat. §§ 27.7001-27.715, on November 20, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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