

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

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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**BRUCE EARL WARD, Petitioner**

**v.**

**STATE OF ARKANSAS, Respondent**

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**ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT**

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**MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

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Petitioner, Bruce Earl Ward, pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, respectfully requests leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Arkansas Supreme Court without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis.

Petitioner was declared indigent by the Pulaski County Circuit Court prior to trial in 1990 and proceeded in forma pauperis in all subsequent proceedings in state court. The United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas appointed counsel for Mr. Davis under 18 U.S.C. § 3599(a)(2). On April 20, 2008 he appointed Jennifer Merrigan and on March 16, 2010 the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Thereafter, the Arkansas Supreme Court granted the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Arkansas

permission to represent Mr. Ward in his motion to recall the direct-appeal mandate without payment of fees.

In support of this motion, both the federal district court appointment orders and the order of the Arkansas Supreme Court recognizing the are attached to this motion.

For these reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant him leave to proceed in forma pauperis in this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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May 30, 2018

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

No: 05-4381

Bruce Earl Ward,

Appellant

v.

Larry Norris, Director, Arkansas Department of Correction,

Appellee

No: 07-2015

Bruce Earl Ward,

Appellant

v.

Larry Norris, Director, Arkansas Department of Correction,

Appellee

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Appeal from U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas - Pine Bluff  
(5:03-cv-201-JMM)  
(5:03-cv-00201-JMM)

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**ORDER**

The motion of Mr. Nicolas J. Trenticosta for leave to withdraw as appellant's appointed attorney in No. 07-2015 is granted. The motion of Mr. William C. Odle for leave to withdraw as appellant's appointed attorney in No. 05-4381 is also granted. The motion to appoint Jennifer Merrigan under the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act to act as co-counsel in both cases is granted. The clerk will issue a CJA appointment form to Ms. Merrigan.

Appellant's motion for an extension of time to May 19, 2008 to file his reply brief is granted.

April 30, 2008

Order Entered Under Rule 27B(a):  
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

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/s/ Michael E. Gans

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

No: 10-1573

Marcel Wayne Williams,

Appellant

v.

Ray Hobbs, Interim Director, Arkansas Department of Correction, in his official capacity,

Appellee

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Appeal from U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas - Pine Bluff  
(5:09-cv-00394-JLH)

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**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern and Western District of Arkansas is hereby appointed to represent (or to continue to represent) the above named appellant in all matters pertaining to this action before this Court.

March 16, 2010

Order Entered under Rule 27B(a):  
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

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/s/ Michael E. Gans

**FORMAL ORDER**

STATE OF ARKANSAS, )  
 ) **SCT.**  
SUPREME COURT )

**BE IT REMEMBERED,** THAT A SESSION OF THE SUPREME COURT BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ON APRIL 12, 2017, AMONGST OTHERS WERE THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS, TO-WIT:

SUPREME COURT CASE NO. 98-657

BRUCE EARL WARD APPELLANT

V. APPEAL FROM PULASKI COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH DIVISION -  
60CR-89-1836

STATE OF ARKANSAS APPELLEE

MOTION OF SCOTT W. BRADEN AND DEBORAH SALLINGS FOR PERMISSION TO BE RECOGNIZED AS COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF APPELLANT; APPELLANT'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO EXPEDITE CONSIDERATION; AND APPELLANT'S MOTION TO EXPAND PAGE LIMIT ARE GRANTED.

IN TESTIMONY, THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER OF SAID SUPREME COURT, RENDERED IN THE CASE HEREIN STATED, I, STACEY PECTOL, CLERK OF SAID SUPREME COURT, HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIX THE SEAL OF SAID SUPREME COURT, AT MY OFFICE IN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.



*Stacey Pectol*  
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CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

ORIGINAL TO CLERK

CC: SCOTT W. BRADEN  
DEBORAH SALLINGS  
KENT HOLT, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
BRAD NEWMAN, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
HON. BARRY SIMS, CIRCUIT JUDGE