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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM 2017

RICHARD EUGENE HAMILTON,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

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

DECLARATION OF TIMELY FILING PURSUANT TO RULE 29.2

THIS IS A CAPITAL CASE

I, Robert S. Friedman, a member of the Bar of this Court and counsel of record for Petitioner Richard Eugene Hamilton, hereby certify, pursuant to Rule 29.2, that on June 25, 2018, I timely filed Petitioner's petition for a writ of certiorari, appendix, motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* ("IFP"), and proof of service in this Court.

On April 23, 2018, Justice Thomas extended the time for Petitioner to file a certiorari petition to June 23, 2018. No. 17A1149. June 23, 2018 fell on a Saturday so the deadline for filing the petition was extended until June 25, 2018 under Rule 30.1

On June 25, 2018, I (1) electronically filed Petitioner's petition for a writ of certiorari, appendix, and IFP motion and proof of service through the Court's electronic filing system, and (2) sent an original and ten paper copies of the petition, appendix, and IFP motion, and one paper copy of the proof of service, to the Clerk of this Court via Federal Express overnight service. Federal Express lost the above-mentioned documents, proof of which is attached hereto (Attachment 1). The documents were sent again to this Court via Federal Express on June 27, 2018.

Accordingly, the petition was timely filed pursuant to Rules 13.1 and 29.2. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 28, 2018.

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Robert S. Friedman
Counsel of Record for Petitioner

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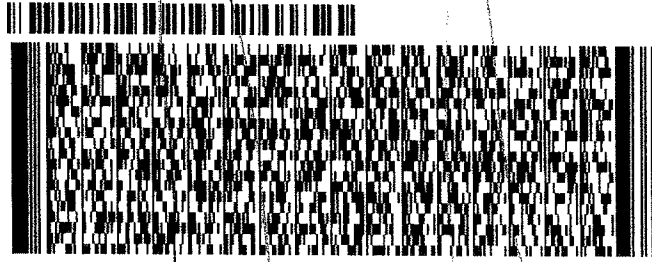
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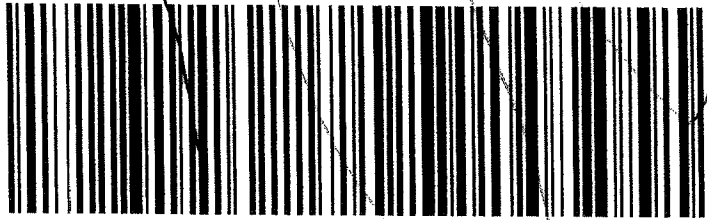
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