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In The Supreme Court of the United States

GERAND RATCLIFF,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner GERAND RATCLIFF respectfully moves for leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis* in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 39 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7).

A United States Magistrate Judge found Mr. Ratcliff financially unable to obtain counsel and appointed the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Alabama to represent Mr. Ratcliff under to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.

In reliance upon Sup. Ct. R. 39.1 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7), Mr. Ratcliff has not attached the affidavit that would otherwise be required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) and the rules of this Court.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of July, 2018.

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