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**In The
Supreme Court of the United States**

JOSE BENITEZ, JR.,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

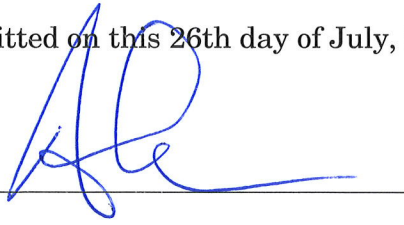
Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The Petitioner requests leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

On March 10, 2016, the Petitioner submitted a financial affidavit to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, averred that he was indigent, and asked the district court to appoint him counsel for appellate purposes. *United States v. Benitez*, Case 2:14-cr-00124-SPC-CM (Doc. No. 119). The district court approved of the magistrate judge's report and recommendation, granted the motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and appointed Mr. Benitez appellate counsel pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. *United States v. Benitez*, Case 2:14-cr-00124-SPC-CM (Doc. No. 123 at 2).

Respectfully submitted on this 26th day of July, 2018.



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