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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

HERSIE WESSON, JR.,
Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF OHIO,
Respondent.

*On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the
Ninth District Court of Appeals of Ohio*

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner Hersie Wesson, Jr., respectfully requests leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without payment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner, with respect to the basis of the attached petition, was granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following courts: the Court of Common Pleas of Summit County found Petitioner Wesson indigent and appointed counsel for his capital proceedings, *State v. Wesson*, Case No. 2008-03-0710; and the Supreme Court of Ohio found Wesson indigent and appointed counsel for his direct appeal, *State v. Wesson*, Case No. 2009-0739. Every court since Petitioner Wesson was indicted in 2008 on charges that carried the potential for the death penalty has permitted him to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner's declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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AFFIDAVIT OF DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

I, Hersie Wesson, Jr., am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty, I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
Other (specify): _____	\$ -0-	\$ N/A	\$ -0-	\$ N/A
Total monthly income:	\$ -0-	\$ N/A	\$ -0-	\$ N/A

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
N/A	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
N/A	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ _____

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial institution	Type of account	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
Prison Account	_____	\$ 17.00	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

<input type="checkbox"/> Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Other real estate
Value <u>N/A</u>	Value <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #1	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model <u>N/A</u>	Year, make & model <u>N/A</u>
Value _____	Value _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other assets	
Description <u>N/A</u>	
Value _____	

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your Spouse
<u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.

Name	Relationship	Age
<u>N/A</u>	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amount paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Food	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Life	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Health	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

	You	Your spouse
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you paid —or will you be paying —an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? N/A

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

11. Have you paid – or will you be paying – anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? N/A

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

I am an inmate on Ohio's Death Row

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: _____, 2018.

Hessie G. Wesson, Jr.
(Signature) 10/3/18