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In the Supreme Court of the United States

MELVIN BONNELL
Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF OHIO,
Respondent.

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to
the Supreme Court of Ohio

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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

Bonnell is indigent, and he has been found indigent and permitted to file *in forma pauperis* in the Ohio Supreme Court and the Ohio Court of Appeals, as well as the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in his previously filed case. Every court since Bonnell was indicted in 1987 on charges that carried the potential for the death penalty has permitted him to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Bonnell was granted appointed counsel in the state court. A copy of two of those orders of appointment are appended to this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

STATE OF OHIO

PLAINTIFF

VS.

MELVIN BONNELL

DEFENDANT

TO-WIT: APRIL 29
NO. CR-223820

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DEFENDANT INDIGENT. WILLIAM DOYLE AND STATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE
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STATE OF OHIO

Appellee

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COMMON PLEAS COURT

-vs-

MELVIN BONNELL

Appellant

MOTION NO. 378262

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AS COUNSEL IS GRANTED. RECORD DUE JANUARY 31, 2006.

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