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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MICHAEL T. RIVERA,
Petitioner

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Respondent.

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

CAPITAL CASE

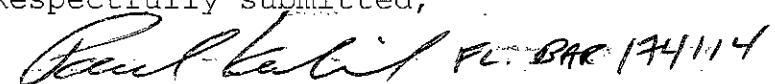
Counsel for Petitioner MICHAEL T. RIVERA, asks leave of this Court to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this proceeding. Mr. Rivera has been found indigent by each state court in which he has challenged this conviction and sentence and has been allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis* before the Florida Supreme Court, the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida, and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

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postconviction proceedings to people convicted and sentenced to death in Florida. Part IV, Chapter 27, Florida Statutes (1994), is the CCRC-South enabling statute. CCRC-South has been counsel of record for Petitioner in his state postconviction proceedings since 1990. Undersigned counsel is a member of the Bar of this Court, is an attorney employed by CCRC-South, and has been lead counsel for Petitioner for over ten years.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Rivera requests permission to proceed in this action *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,


for

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