

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

ROBERT LEE HEARD, JR.  
*Petitioner*

vs.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA  
*Respondent*

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On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to  
The Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

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Robert Lee Heard, Jr., moves for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal without prepayment of fees. The courts below appointed the public defender to represent Mr. Heard, who is indigent, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes § 15:175.

Respectfully submitted,

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