

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

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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SAQUAWN HARRIS,

*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Respondent.*

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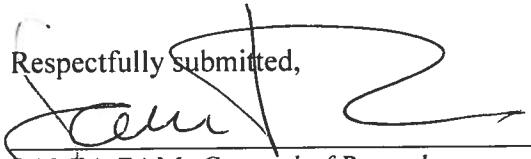
On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the  
District of Columbia Court of Appeals

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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Petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Counsel was appointed to represent Petitioner in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals under D.C. Code § 11-2602. A copy of the order of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals appointing counsel for Petitioner is appended to this motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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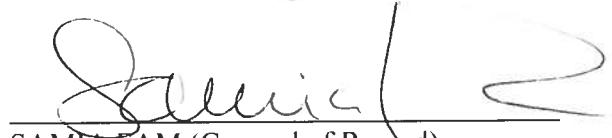
("Appellate courts are not permitted to affirm convictions on any theory they please simply because the facts necessary to support the theory were presented to the jury."); *Cole*, 333 U.S. at 201 ("[i]t is as much a violation of due process to send an accused to prison following conviction of a charge on which he was never tried as it would be to convict him upon a charge that was never made"); *Dunn*, 442 U.S. at 106 ("[A]ppellate courts are not free to revise the basis on which a defendant is convicted simply because the same result would likely obtain on retrial."); *Rewis*, 401 U.S. at 814 ("[W]e need not rule on this part of the Government's theory because it is not the interpretation . . . under which petitioners were convicted."); *Jackson*, 443 U.S. at 314 ("It is axiomatic that a conviction upon a charge not made or upon a charge not tried constitutes a denial of due process.").

The Court of Appeals' opinion giving such short shrift to fundamental constitutional rights should not evade correction simply because few, if any, other courts have gone so far afield. Summary reversal is warranted.

## CONCLUSION

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Samia Fam, a member of the Bar of this Court and the Counsel of Record for Petitioner, hereby attests that on September 4, 2019, she sent one copy of the Motion for Leave To Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*, Petition for the Writ of Certiorari, and Appendix to:

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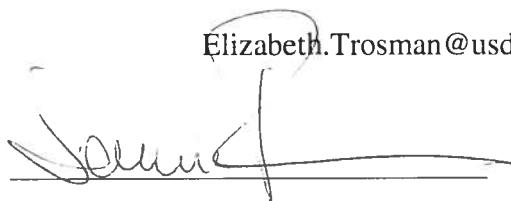
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