

DOCKET NO. _____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2019

HAROLD BLAKE,

Petitioner,

vs.

SECRETARY,

Florida Department of Corrections, et al.,

Respondents.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Counsel for Petitioner, **HAROLD BLAKE**, asks leave of this Court to allow Mr. Blake to proceed **in forma pauperis** in this proceeding.

Mr. Blake was found indigent by the federal district court and was allowed to proceed **in forma pauperis**. Throughout the federal court proceedings, Mr. Blake received the services of *pro bono* counsel. Attached is Mr. Blake's Affidavit or Declaration in Support of this motion.

Pursuant to the Court's Rule 39, counsel respectfully requests Mr. Blake be allowed to proceed **in forma pauperis**.

Respectfully, submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Motion has been furnished by United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, to Tonja Vickers Rook, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, 3507 Frontage Rd, Concourse Center #4, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607, on this 26th day of October, 2019.

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ATTACHMENT

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

I, HAROLD BLAKE, 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	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Self-employment	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Interest and dividends	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Gifts	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ 25.00	\$
Alimony	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Child Support	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Unemployment payments	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Other (specify):	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Total monthly income:	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.) None.

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

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.) N/A

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

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
<u>Instate Bank</u>	<u>Bank</u>	\$ <u>60.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ <u>1</u>
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings. None.

☐ Home
Value _____

☐ Other real estate
Value _____

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model _____
Value _____

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model _____
Value _____

☐ Other assets
Description _____
Value _____

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed. None.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. None.

Name	Relationship	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts 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>0</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>0</u>	\$ _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Food	\$ <u>25.00</u>	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 0	\$
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ 0	\$
Life	\$ 0	\$
Health	\$ 0	\$
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ 0	\$
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$
Credit card(s)	\$ 0	\$
Department store(s)	\$ 0	\$
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0	\$
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ 0	\$
Other (specify): _____	\$ 0	\$
Total monthly expenses:	\$ 25.00	\$

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? _____

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? _____

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

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

Incarcerated since 2002.

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

Executed on: August 26th, 2019

Harold A. Blake

(Signature)