

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

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2019

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JOHN DEBLASE, *Petitioner*,

v.

STATE OF ALABAMA, *Respondent*.

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

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Petitioner John DeBlase respectfully moves this Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in these proceedings, without payment of costs and fees. Mr. DeBlase has been incarcerated since 2010, was found indigent in the proceedings below, and is currently indigent. He was found indigent and appointed counsel at trial and on appeal, pursuant to Alabama Code section 15-12-22 and Alabama Rule of Appellate Procedure 24(b)(1). Attached as Appendix A, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39.1, is a copy of the trial court's initial order finding Mr. DeBlase indigent and appointing counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Rachel P. Judge  
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## APPENDIX A



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
 )  
V. ) Case No.: CC-2011-003302.00  
 )  
DEBLASE JOHN JOSEPH )  
Defendant. )

**ORDER**

The Court having ascertained that the defendant is not represented by Counsel, desires the assistance of counsel, and it appears from the Affidavit of Indigency, filed this date, that the defendant is not able financially or otherwise able to obtain the assistance of counsel; it is ordered by the Court that Jim Sears and Ashley Cameron, licensed attorneys, be and are hereby appointed to represent, assist and defend the defendant in this case.

The Court read the indictment into the record.

Defendant entered pleas of not guilty and not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect to the indictment and each Count thereof.

Defense counsel is to present to the Court information regarding efforts to retain a mediation expert by September 20, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

The State is to present to the defense the State's discovery no later than September 20, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

State's oral motion for mental evaluation is hereby- Granted.

Trial is hereby set on May 7, 2012.

**IN COURT:** District Attorney, Ashley Rich  
Attorney for the Defendant, Jim Sears and Ashley Cameron  
Court Reporter, Jerri Garside

**DONE** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

/s/ JUDGE RICK STOUT  
**CIRCUIT JUDGE**