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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MARIA MERCEDES CANCINO, Individually and as Representatives of the Estate
of Mario Martinez; JULIAN PUGA,
- PETITIONERS

v.

CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS; OMAR LUCIO, Individually and in his Official
Capacity as Sheriff of Cameron County, Texas; ANTONIO TELLA, in his Individual
and Official Capacity,
-RESPONDENT.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

FROM THE UNITED STATES COURT
OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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Petitioners' request leave to file the attached Petition for a Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioners' have been granted to proceed on Appeal *In Forma Pauperis*, due to their inability to pursue their appeal without undue financial hardship. See attached Order Granting Petitioner's Motion to Proceed on Appeal *in Forma Pauperis* Exhibit "A". Petitioners' continue in the same position as their initial Application to Proceed on Appeal in Forma Pauperis and request they be allowed to proceed with their Writ of Certiorari without costs. See attached Declaration In Support of Motion for Leave to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* for Petitioners' Maria Mercedes Cancino, Exhibit "B" and Julian Puga, Exhibit C.

Respectfully submitted,

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ENTERED

January 04, 2019

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BROWNSVILLE DIVISION

MARIA MERCEDES CANCINO, *et al.*,

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Plaintiffs,

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VS.

§ CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:18-CV-135

CAMERON COUNTY TEXAS, *et al.*,

§

Defendants.

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ORDER

Pending before the Court is Plaintiffs' Motion to Proceed on Appeal *in forma pauperis* (Doc. 27).

At the hearing held on October 30, 2018, the Court accepted the Plaintiffs' Application to Proceed *in forma pauperis*. See Minute Entry for October 30, 2018 Hearing. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 24(a)(3), a "party who was permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the district-court action . . . may proceed on appeal *in forma pauperis* without further authorization." This Court confirms that it does not find that the Plaintiffs' appeal is not taken in good faith, and does not find that the Plaintiffs are not otherwise entitled to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Although Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 24(a)(3) entitles the Plaintiffs to proceed *in forma pauperis* without further authorization from this Court, to remove any doubt on the issue, it is ORDERED that the Plaintiffs' Motion to Proceed on Appeal *in forma pauperis* is GRANTED.

SIGNED this 3rd day of January, 2019.


Fernando Rodriguez, Jr.
United States District Judge

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

I, Mercedes Cancino, 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	\$ <u>200</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>200</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>200</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>200</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
Porta Systems	Matamoros Tamp. MEXICO	Nov 2018 - Present	\$ 200 - 250
			\$
			\$

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.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
	n/a		\$
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 50

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
none	\$ none	\$ none
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

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.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
none	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name	Relationship	Age
none	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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)	\$ 0	\$ 0
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)	\$ 50	\$ 0
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Food	\$ 50	\$ 0
Clothing	\$ 0	\$ 0
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 0	\$ 0
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 50	\$ 0

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 30	\$ 0
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ 0	\$ 0
Life	\$ 0	\$ 0
Health	\$ 0	\$ 0
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ 0
Credit card(s)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Department store(s)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0	\$ 0
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total monthly expenses:	\$ 180	\$ 0

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.

I work at a Maquiladora in Matamoros from 730 Am-430pm for an average of \$ 50 weekly. Sometimes there is mandatory overtime or Saturday mandatory work and my pay will increase. I live with my son and daughter in law, I do not drive therefore rely on others for me to be able to go to work. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 2/14/20

Margarita C. Sosa
(Signature)

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

I, Julian Puga, 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	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (specify): <u>Parents</u>	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
Antonio's Restaurant	Brownsville	2018 (Aug, Sept)	\$ 200
Amazon	San Marcos	2019 (Oct - Nov)	\$ 1000
			\$

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.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
	N/A		\$
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 0
 Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
checking	\$ 27.43	\$ 0
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

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.

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. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

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)

\$ 0 \$ 0

Are real estate taxes included? Yes No

Is property insurance included? Yes No

Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,
water, sewer, and telephone)

\$ 0 \$ 0

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ 0 \$ 0

Food

\$ 50 \$ 0

Clothing

\$ 0 \$ 0

Laundry and dry-cleaning

\$ 0 \$ 0

Medical and dental expenses

\$ 0 \$ 0

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 50	\$ 0
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ 0	\$ 0
Life	\$ 0	\$ 0
Health	\$ 0	\$ 0
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ 0
Credit card(s)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Department store(s)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0	\$ 0
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total monthly expenses:	\$ 100	\$ 0

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? _____

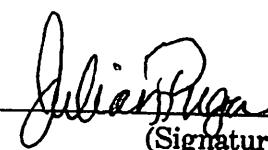
If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

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

I am living with my father and attending community college while going to therapy once a week. I am not able to work yet.

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

Executed on: 2/14/2026


(Signature)