

IN THE  
Supreme Court of the United States

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ANTONIO RODRIGUES,  
Petitioner,

v.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
Respondent.

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO  
PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

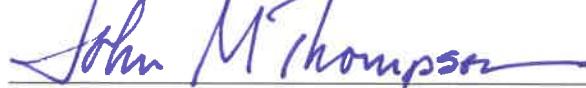
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Petitioner Antonio Rodrigues moves through his undersigned counsel for leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner has previously been represented by court-appointed counsel in the Massachusetts trial court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court and the Supreme Judicial Court. At all stages of the state criminal

proceeding, counsel was appointed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 211D, §§5, 6(b), In the latter two courts, Petitioner has been represented by his undersigned Counsel of Record, who on February 9, 2018 was assigned by the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services, and continues to work under that assignment in filing this petition. In keeping with the requirements of Supreme Court Rule 39.1, a copy of the Notice of Assignment of Counsel is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

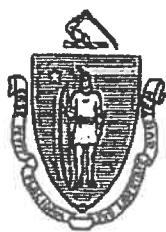
Respectfully submitted,



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RE: Commonwealth v. Antonio Rodrigues, W107295  
Appeals Court No(s). 2017-P-0234; 1473CR00321

Dear Attorney Thompson:

Enclosed is the Notice of Assignment of Counsel form for your post-conviction assignment. Please file your appearance in the appropriate court immediately and contact the client as soon as possible. You must also meet with your client at least once after you have reviewed the transcript.

You should not withdraw from this case without first conferring with Donald Bronstein, Director of Criminal Appeals, Private Counsel Division. Please forward a copy of the brief to this office upon filing. Failure to do so will result in nonpayment.

If you wish to pursue a Rule 30 motion for new trial, or any other collateral attack where there is no automatic right to counsel, you must first obtain approval, by letter or phone, from Donald Bronstein, Director of Criminal Appeals.

Please review and adhere to all Performance Standards Governing the Representation of Clients on Criminal Appeals and Post-Conviction Matters, as set forth in CPCS' Assigned Counsel Manual which can be found at  
[http://www.publiccounsel.net/private\\_counsel\\_manual/private\\_counsel\\_manual\\_index.html](http://www.publiccounsel.net/private_counsel_manual/private_counsel_manual_index.html).

If you have any questions regarding your assignment, please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,  
  
Dorothy Mele

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT  
OF COUNSEL**

Assignment Number  
C8032511-4

COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS

Date of Assignment      Judge  
2/9/2018                    CPCS

Court  
Appeals Court

Jury Session

Name of Person for whom counsel assigned      The court has found the above-named person  
Antonio Rodrigues, W107295

Juv/Adult

Indigent     

Docket No.

Contribution

2017-P-0234; 1473CR00321

Incarceration Status  
MCI Shirley

**Post-Trial Criminal Case Purpose Of Assignment**

Direct

**Offense / Charge**

Trial Court

602                    Murder II

Bristol Superior Court

702                    Carrying FA w/o Lic

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Thursday, February 15, 2018