

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

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In The  
Supreme Court of the United States

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GERALD LEE GROOMES,  
*Petitioner,*

vs.

ARKANSAS,  
*Respondent.*

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ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE  
SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

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

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The Petitioner requests leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and proceed *in forma pauperis* due to indigency. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39(1), a copy of the Arkansas Court of Appeals' order appointing the undersigned as counsel for Petitioner is appended to this motion.



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**FORMAL ORDER**

STATE OF ARKANSAS,     )  
  )     **SCT.**  
COURT OF APPEALS         )

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, THAT A SESSION OF THE COURT OF APPEALS  
BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ON MARCH 6, 2019,  
AMONGST OTHERS WERE THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS, TO-WIT:

COURT OF APPEALS CASE NO. CR-18-1019

GERALD LEE GROOMES APPELLANT

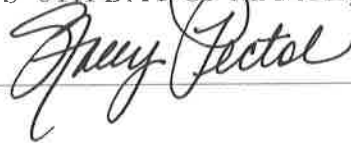
V. APPEAL FROM GARLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - 26CR-17-295

STATE OF ARKANSAS APPELLEE

MOTION OF TIMOTHY BECKHAM TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY ON DIRECT  
APPEAL IS GRANTED. BEN MOTAL IS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE  
APPELLANT. APPELLANT'S BRIEF IS DUE IN FORTY DAYS (APRIL 15, 2019).

APPELLANT'S MOTION TO SEAL PART OF THE RECORD IS GRANTED.  
HARRISON AND WHITEAKER, JJ., WOULD GRANT AS TO EXHIBITS ONLY.

IN TESTIMONY, THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF  
THE ORDER OF SAID COURT OF APPEALS, RENDERED  
IN THE CASE HEREIN STATED, I, STACEY PECTOL,  
CLERK OF SAID COURT OF APPEALS, HEREUNTO  
SET MY HAND AND AFFIX THE SEAL OF SAID  
COURT OF APPEALS, AT MY OFFICE IN THE CITY  
OF LITTLE ROCK, THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019.



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CC: TIMOTHY BECKHAM  
GERALD LEE GROOMES  
BEN MOTAL  
DARNISA EVANS JOHNSON, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
HONORABLE JOHN HOMER WRIGHT, CIRCUIT JUDGE