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IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff/Respondent

vs.

DARIUS TIRRELL THOMAS

Defendant/Petitioner

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached Petition for a Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis.

The Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the following court(s): United States District Court For The Eastern District of Tennessee and the U.S. Court of Appeals For The Sixth Circuit.

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is not attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Lanier

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State of Tennessee)


County of Hamilton)

I, Christian Lanier, having been duly sworn, state that I am the duly appointed counsel for the Petitioner, who was adjudged to be indigent by the U.S. District Court For The Eastern District of Tennessee and my appointment continued in the U.S. Court of Appeals For the Sixth Circuit, and that the forgoing facts stated herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

This November 2, 2020.


Christian Lanier

Sworn to and subscribed before me this November 2, 2020.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9-17-2022



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT CHATTANOOGA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	No. 1:17-cr-127
v.)	
)	Judge Collier/Steger
DARIUS TIRRELL THOMAS)	

ORDER

This matter came before the Court upon a Motion to Withdraw on Grounds of Conflict of Interest [Doc. 10] filed by Attorney Myrlene Marsa. The undersigned conducted a hearing on this motion on October 26, 2017.

The Court takes notice that Attorney Marsa has become aware of a conflict of interest in that Federal Defender Services of Eastern Tennessee, Inc. represents an individual with interests potentially adverse to the Defendant in the above-captioned matter, and she has determined that it would be unethical for her to continue her representation of Defendant. Consequently, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Motion to Withdraw [Doc. 10] is **GRANTED** and Attorney Myrlene Marsa is hereby relieved from further representation of Defendant. It is further

ORDERED that Attorney A. Christian Lanier, III, is hereby appointed to represent Defendant in the above-captioned case.

ENTER.

/s/Christopher H. Steger
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE