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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

BRANDON BERNARD,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari
to the United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit

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

Petitioner BRANDON BERNARD, by counsel, respectfully asks leave to file the accompanying Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner is indigent and proceeded *in forma pauperis* both in the trial court and on appeal. Undersigned counsel of record was appointed in the district court under 18 U.S.C. § 3599(a)(1)(A), and in the Court of Appeals under 18 U.S.C. § 3599(a)(1)(B). *See* Sup. Ct. R. 39.

Respectfully submitted,

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