DOCKET NO.

IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2020

RONALD KNIGHT,

Petitioner,

vs.

SECRETARY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, et. al.,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

COMES NOW, the Petitioner, **RONALD KNIGHT**, by and through undersigned counsel, pursuant to Rule 39, and moves for leave of this Court to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this proceeding. Petitioner has been found indigent by each state and federal court in which he has challenged this conviction and sentence and has been permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* before each of those courts: the Florida Supreme Court; the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, Florida; and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Undersigned was appointed to represent Mr. Knight before the district court and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals pursuant to 18 U.S. C. § 3006A.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner moves the Court for leave to proceed in this action *in forma pauperis*.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing motion has been furnished by United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, to all counsel of record on January 7, 2021.

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