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No. 35

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

STEVEN COOPER  
Petitioner,

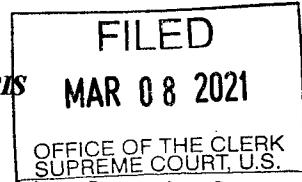
v.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
Respondents,

ORIGINAL

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the  
Florida First District Court of Appeals

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



The petitioner, Steven Cooper, asks leave to file the accompanying petition for writ of certiorari, without prepayment of costs, and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner is represented by court appointed counsel in the related case in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida and was permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the First District Court of Appeal case to which certiorari is being requested. The order allowing petitioner to proceed *in forma pauperis* in support of this motion is attached.

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**DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST DISTRICT  
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October 01, 2020

**CASE NO.: 1D20-2553  
L.T. No.: 2019-CFMA-0866**

Steven Cooper

v.

State of Florida

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Appellant / Petitioner(s),

Appellee / Respondent(s)

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT:**

I, Kristina Samuels, Clerk, District Court of Appeal, First District, hereby issue this certificate of indigency pursuant to the affidavits attached to the motion to proceed without prepayment of costs in compliance with Section 57.085(2) or 57.081(1), Florida Statutes (2018).

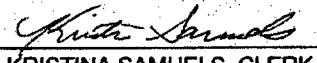
**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is (a true copy of) the original court order.

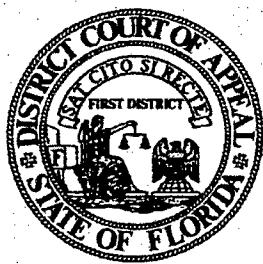
Served:

Hon. Ashley Moody, AG  
Hon. Brantley S. Clark Jr.,  
Judge

Hon. Bill Kinsaul, Clerk  
Steven Cooper

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STEVEN COOPER — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

VS.

State of Florida — RESPONDENT(S)

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*.

Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

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Florida First District Court of Appeal 1D20-2552/53

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Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

Steven Cooper  
(Signature)

**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION  
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, STEVEN COOPER, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

| <b>Income source</b>   | <b>Average monthly amount during the past 12 months</b> |               | <b>Amount expected next month</b> |               |
|--|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
|  | <b>You</b>  | <b>Spouse</b> | <b>You</b>                        | <b>Spouse</b> |
| Employment   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| Self-employment  | \$ <u>2,000</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| Income from real property (such as rental income)                    | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| Interest and dividends   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| Gifts  | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| Alimony  | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| Child Support  | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance) | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)             | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| Unemployment payments  | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| Public-assistance (such as welfare)                                  | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| Other (specify): <u>N/A</u>  | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |
| <b>Total monthly income:</b>   | \$ <u>2,000</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>   | \$ <u>0</u>                       | \$ <u>0</u>   |

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

| <b>Employer</b> | <b>Address</b> | <b>Dates of Employment</b> | <b>Gross monthly pay</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| N/A             | N/A            | N/A                        | \$ N/A                   |
|                 |                |                            | \$                       |
|                 |                |                            | \$                       |

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

| <b>Employer</b> | <b>Address</b> | <b>Dates of Employment</b> | <b>Gross monthly pay</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| N/A             | N/A            | N/A                        | \$ N/A                   |
|                 |                |                            | \$                       |
|                 |                |                            | \$                       |

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 450

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

| <b>Financial institution</b> | <b>Type of account</b> | <b>Amount you have</b> | <b>Amount your spouse has</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Capital1                     | Savings                | \$ 2,500               | \$ N/A                        |
|                              |                        | \$                     | \$                            |
|                              |                        | \$                     | \$                            |

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

Home  
Value N/A

Other real estate  
Value 1,500

Motor Vehicle #1  
Year, make & model 2013 DODGE AVENGER  
Value \$4,000

Motor Vehicle #2  
Year, make & model 2008 FORD F350  
Value 15,000

Other assets  
Description N/A  
Value

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

| <b>Person owing you or your spouse money</b> | <b>Amount owed to you</b> | <b>Amount owed to your spouse</b> |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>N/A</u>                                   | <u>\$ N/A</u>             | <u>\$ N/A</u>                     |
|  | <u>\$</u>                 | <u>\$</u>                         |
|  | <u>\$</u>                 | <u>\$</u>                         |

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Relationship</b> | <b>Age</b> |
|-------------|---------------------|------------|
| <u>K.C.</u> | <u>SON</u>          | <u>5</u>   |
| <u>Q.C.</u> | <u>DAUGHTER</u>     | <u>5</u>   |
| <u>S.C.</u> | <u>DAUGHTER</u>     | <u>1</u>   |

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

|  | <b>You</b>      | <b>Your spouse</b> |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| Rent or home-mortgage payment<br>(include lot rented for mobile home)                    | <u>\$ 1,200</u> | <u>\$ 0</u>        |
| Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |                 |                    |
| Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |                 |                    |
| Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,<br>water, sewer, and telephone)                    | <u>\$ 300</u>   | <u>\$ 0</u>        |
| Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)  | <u>\$ 0</u>     | <u>\$ 0</u>        |
| Food   | <u>\$ 500</u>   | <u>\$ 0</u>        |
| Clothing   | <u>\$ 0</u>     | <u>\$ 0</u>        |
| Laundry and dry-cleaning   | <u>\$ 0</u>     | <u>\$ 0</u>        |
| Medical and dental expenses  | <u>\$ 0</u>     | <u>\$ 0</u>        |

|   | <b>You</b>      | <b>Your spouse</b> |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)                                       | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.                                      | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)                        |                 |                    |
| Homeowner's or renter's   | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| Life  | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| Health  | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| Motor Vehicle   | \$ 150          | \$ 0               |
| Other: <u>N/A</u>   | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)                            |                 |                    |
| (specify): <u>N/A</u>   | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| Installment payments  |                 |                    |
| Motor Vehicle   | \$ 300          | \$ 0               |
| Credit card(s)  | \$ 50           | \$ 0               |
| Department store(s)   | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| Other: <u>N/A</u>   | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others  |                 |                    |
|   | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement) | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| Other (specify): <u>N/A</u>   | \$ 0            | \$ 0               |
| <b>Total monthly expenses:</b>  | <b>\$ 2,500</b> | <b>\$ 0</b>        |

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

Yes  No      If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?  Yes  No

If yes, how much? N/A

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

11. Have you paid—or will you be paying—anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

Yes  No

If yes, how much? N/A

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

Impoverished due to the ongoing legal battle complained of herein.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: March 8, 2021,

Steven Cooper

(Signature)