

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

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2020

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THOMAS LANE, *Petitioner*,

*v.*

STATE OF ALABAMA, *Respondent*.

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ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO  
THE ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

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

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Petitioner Thomas Lane respectfully moves this Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in these proceedings, without payment of costs or fees. Mr. Lane has been incarcerated since 2003 and he is currently indigent. At trial and on appeal, counsel was appointed for Mr. Lane pursuant to Ala. Code 1975 § 15-12-21. Mr. Lane has attached the order appointing appellate counsel in support of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

STATE OF ALABAMA	)	
	)	
V.	)	Case No.: CC-2005-001499.80
	)	
LANE THOMAS ROBERT	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER**

The court, having been given oral notice of appeal, has ascertained that defendant is not represented by counsel and desires the assistance of counsel and is not able financially or otherwise to obtain the assistance of counsel for the appeal of this matter, the Court hereby appoints Randall Susskind and David Schoen, two licensed attorneys to represent the defendant in the appeal of this case.

Travis Atkins, Official Court Reporter, is hereby ordered to transcribe testimony and proceedings had at the trial of this case and to file Transcript of Testimony and proceedings with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Alabama to be paid by the State of Alabama.

**DONE this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.**

**/s/ CHARLES A GRADDICK**  
**CIRCUIT JUDGE**