

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OCTOBER TERM, 2021

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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JOEL DALE WRIGHT,

*Petitioner,*

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

*Respondent.*

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MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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CAPITAL CASE

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Pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of this Court, Petitioner JOEL DALE WRIGHT respectfully moves this Court for leave to file his accompanying Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of Florida without prepayment of fees and costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Mr. Wright was declared indigent and permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* by the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Putnam County, Florida, on February 29, 1988. *See* Attachment 1. Mr. Wright has proceeded in this status in all subsequent filings challenging his conviction and sentence of death

before the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court, as well as the Florida Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and this Court.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner asks this Court to grant his motion and allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this action.

Respectfully submitted,

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# ATTACHMENT 1

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 83-376-CF-M

STATE OF FLORIDA

v.

JOEL DALE WRIGHT

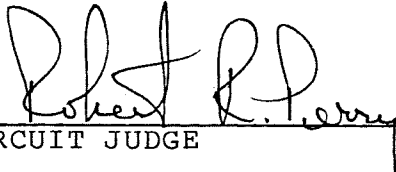
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ORDER

Upon consideration of defendant's motion for order of  
insolvency:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that defendant be declared  
indigent for the purpose of appeal, and all costs allowed by laws  
incident to such appeal including, but not limited to, all  
transcripts necessary to fully prosecute said appeal shall be  
paid by Pinellas County, Florida.

DONE and ORDERED at Palatka, Florida, this 29th day of  
Feb., 1988.

  
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CIRCUIT JUDGE

cc: Stephen L. Boyles, State Attorney  
Office of the State Attorney

Larry Helm Spalding, Capital Collateral Representative