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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
Term, 2021

Eric Benson Skeens

v.

State of Indiana

Motion for Leave To Proceed In Forma Pauperis

the petitioner ask leave to file the attached petitioner for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

The Petitioner, in accordance with the provisions of Title 28, United States Code, § 1915, and Rule 46 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, hereby moves the Court for an Order granting Petitioner leave to proceed in forma pauperis in filing and otherwise prosecuting the Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed simultaneously herewith.

[] Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court. Indiana Supreme Court

[] 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.

Eric Benson Skeens

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One Park Row St.
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Respondent

Affidavit in Support of Motion Seeking Authorization To Proceed In Forma Pauperis

I, Eric Benson Skeens, 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 therefore; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

16. 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 sho3 the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income Source	Average monthly Amount During the past 12 Months		Amount Expected next Month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ <u>90</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>30</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>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total Monthly Income:	<u>\$ 30</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 30</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross Monthly Pay
Indiana State Prison	1800 Pershing Rd, Michigan City, IN 46360	01/01/2018 - Now	\$30.00 / except 10k dues

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

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross Monthly Pay
N/A - Single			

19. How much cash do you and your spouse have? 0.00

Financial Institution(s)	Type of Account	Amount You Have	Amount Your Spouse Has
<u>Inmate Account</u>	<u>Prisoner</u>	\$ <u>1888</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Home Value \$ <u>0</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other real estate Value \$ <u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #1 year: <u>N/A</u> make: _____ and model : _____ value: \$ <u>0</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #2 year: <u>N/A</u> make: _____ and model : _____ value: \$ <u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other assets Description: <u>N/A</u> Value: <u>0</u>	

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

Person Owing You or Your Spouse Money	Amount Owned to You	Amount Owed to Your Spouse
<u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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

Name	Relationship	Age
<u>N/A</u>		

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

	You	Your Spouse
Rent or Home-mortgage Payment (Include Lot Rented for Mobile Home)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Are Real Estate Taxes Included?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is Property Insurance Included?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Utilities (Electricity, Heating Fuel, Water, Sewer, and Telephone)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Home Maintenance (Repairs and Upkeep)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Food	\$ <u>30</u> depending	\$ <u>0</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>10</u> depending	\$ <u>0</u>
Laundry and Dry-cleaning	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Medical and Dental Expenses	\$ <u>10</u> depending	\$ <u>0</u>
Transportation (Not Including Motor Vehicle Payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Recreation, Entertainment, Newspapers, Magazines, Etc.	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

Insurance (Not Deducted from Wages or Included in Mortgage Payments)

Homeowner's or Renter's	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Life	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Health	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other: <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

Taxes (Not Deducted from Wages or Included in Mortgage Payments)

(Specify): N/A \$ 0 \$ 0

Installments Payments

Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Credit Card(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Department Store(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other: <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Alimony, Maintenance, and Support Paid to Others	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Regular Expenses for Operation of Business, Profession, or Farm (Attach Detailed Statement)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (Specify): <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

Total Monthly Expenses: \$ 30 depending \$ 0

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? _____
if yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

Name: _____ Telephone No. _____
Address: _____

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:

Name: _____ Telephone No. _____
Address: _____

12. Finally, the undersigned also represents and certifies to the Court that the Petitioner has remained incarcerated in at the Indiana State Prison since the Order of Judge Loretta H. Rush was entered allowing Petitioner to proceed in forma pauperis ~~in his appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the _____ Circuit and since the undersigned was appointed by the United States Court of Appeals for the _____ Circuit as set out above.~~ Consequently, the financial condition of the Petitioner, on the undersigned's information and belief, has not substantially improved and the Petitioner is entitled to proceed herein in forma pauperis to obtain the relief he is entitled to and to file, serve and prosecute his Petition for Writ of Certiorari without printing the same.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of October,

2021.

Eric Bonsu Sheau

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