

No. 21-6074

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

NIKOLAS GACHO — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

PEOPLE OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS — 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*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

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

IN THE APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS,
FIRST DISTRICT

☐ 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.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

ORIGINAL

Nikolas Gacho
(Signature)

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

I, NIKOLAS GACHO, 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.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>175.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>STIMULUS</u>	\$ <u>200.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>375.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

2. 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
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
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.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ _____
Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TRUST	\$ 1900.00	\$ N/A
N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	\$ N/A	\$ 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 N/A

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model N/A
Value _____

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model N/A
Value _____

☐ Other assets
Description N/A
Value _____

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

Person owing you or your spouse money

Amount owed to you

Amount owed to your spouse

N/A

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

N/A

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

N/A

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name

Relationship

Age

N.G.

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N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

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.

You

Your spouse

Rent or home-mortgage payment
(include lot rented for mobile home)

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,
water, sewer, and telephone)

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Food

\$ 150.00

\$ N/A

Clothing

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Laundry and dry-cleaning

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Medical and dental expenses

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Life	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Health	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>150.00</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>

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 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? _____

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. Petitioner Nikolas Gacho is an inmate completely dependant on family and friends for financial support, any and all future income is dependant on the benevolence of others. The money Nikolas has managed to save, has been done so with the hope of hiring a lawyer to represent him in his Federal Habeas proceedings. Nikolas has thus far been unable to find a lawyer willing to represent him for what little has has. Nikolas prays any fees in this proceeding be waived.

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

Executed on: OCTOBER 20, 2021

Nikolas Gacho
(Signature)

19-0597

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v.

NIKOLAS GACHO,
Defendant-Appellant.

11CR987901

ORDER

This cause coming to be heard on defendant-appellant's (Inmate number M43072, Hill Correctional Center, P.O. Box 1700, Galesburg, IL 61402) Motion for Leave to File Late Notice of Appeal from the Order of January 11, 2019, and the Court being advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that defendant-appellant's Motion for Leave to File Late Notice of Appeal from the Order of January 11, 2019, is **ALLOWED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Office of the State Appellate Defender is appointed to represent defendant on appeal.

Enter:

ORDER ENTERED

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APPELLATE COURT FIRST DISTRICT

Thomas W. Delort
Justice

Justice

Justice