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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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JAMES PAUL DESPER,

*Petitioner,*

v.

HAROLD CLARKE, et al.,

*Respondents.*

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On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari  
to the United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fourth Circuit


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

Petitioner James Paul Desper seeks leave to file the enclosed 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 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. That court appointed undersigned counsel in the current proceeding. No affidavit is attached because the Fourth Circuit

appointed counsel for Petitioner, as reflected in the copy of the appointment order appended pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39.1.

Respectfully submitted on this 12th day of November 2021.

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 19-7346  
(7:17-cv-00549-GEC-PMS)

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JAMES PAUL DESPER

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

HAROLD CLARKE, Director of the Department of Corrections; A. DAVID ROBINSON, Chief of Operations; JANE/JOHN DOE, for each member of the Sex Offender Visitation Committee and the Sex Offender Program Director; JANE/JOHN DOE, Corrections Operations Administrator; MARIA STRANSKY; MARIE VARGO

Defendants - Appellees

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O R D E R

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The Court assigns Erica Hashimoto to represent James Paul Desper on appeal.

Counsel is referred to the memorandum on [Payment of Court-Assigned Counsel](#) for information on maintaining time and expense records and obtaining a fee exempt PACER account for electronic access to documents in court-assigned cases.

Counsel's assignment to this case as a member of this court's CJA/Discretionary Panels authorizes counsel to obtain and use a fee exempt CJA Panel Attorney account to provide representation in this case.

All case filings must be made using the court's Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). Counsel not yet registered for electronic filing should proceed to the court's web site to register as an ECF filer. See [Required Steps for Registration as an ECF Filer](#). All filings must comply with this court's [Memorandum on Sealed and Confidential Materials](#). Counsel shall file an [Appearance of Counsel form](#) within 14 days of the date of this order.

For the Court

/s/ Patricia S. Connor, Clerk