

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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RICHARD MAX TAFOYA,

Petitioner,

-v-

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

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

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7) and S. Ct. R. 39, petitioner, Richard Max Tafoya, asks leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of *Certiorari* to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit without pre-payment of fees or costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner was represented by counsel appointed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A in the district court and on appeal to the Ninth Circuit.

Respectfully submitted,



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