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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CHRISTOPHER VARNER,

Petitioner,

v.

STAN SHEPARD, ET AL.,

Respondents.

*ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT*

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner Christopher Varner respectfully moves for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs. In support of this motion, Varner states as follows:

1. Varner is incarcerated at Augusta State Medical Prison in Augusta, Georgia, and is serving a life sentence. (Ex. A.)
2. Varner has not previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this case.
3. As shown by Varner's declaration (Ex. A), Varner has no income and no property with which to pay docketing fees and costs. Therefore, Varner cannot afford to pay the costs of filing a petition for a writ of certiorari.

CONCLUSION

Petitioner Christopher Varner respectfully requests that this Court allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis* and without prepayment of costs.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A

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

I, CHRISTOPHER VARNER, 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>1,500</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>120</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>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>1,500</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>120</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
<u>NONE</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
			\$ \$ \$

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
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
			\$ \$ \$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 0
 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
<u>PRISON INMATE ACCOUNT</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
	\$ \$	
	\$ \$	

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
<u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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)	\$ <u>8</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone) <u>PHONE</u>	\$ <u>15</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Food	\$ <u>45</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Life	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Health	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>Hygiene + Writing Supplies</u>	\$ <u>18</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>68</u>	\$ <u>N/A</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.

I AM A STATE PRISONER SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE.

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

Executed on: December 29, 2021

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(Signature)