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In The  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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LEMARICUS D. DAVIDSON,

*Petitioner,*

v.

STATE OF TENNESSEE,

*Respondent.*

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ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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Petitioner LeMaricus D. Davidson respectfully moves for leave, under Rule 39 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this Court and, therefore, file the enclosed Petition for Writ of Certiorari without payment of fees.

Petitioner is an inmate in the custody of the Tennessee Department of Correction and under sentence of death. At his trial and post-conviction proceedings, he was found to be indigent. See **Exhibit 1**- Order of Appointment of Counsel. The Tennessee Office of the Post-Conviction Defender, a Tennessee agency representing death-sentenced individuals in collateral capital litigation, was appointed to represent Mr. Davidson in the Tennessee courts during his post-conviction litigation.

Wherefore, petitioner prays that this Court grant leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in his Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT, DIVISION II  
FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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STATE OF TENNESSEE            )  
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vs.                                    ) No. 111962  
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LEMARICUS DAVIDSON            )  
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          Defendant                )

KNOX COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT  
KNOXVILLE, TN

ORDER

A Petition for Post Conviction Relief having been filed by the petitioner, and it appearing to the Court that the petitioner is indigent, it is ordered by the Court as follows:

1. That the Post Conviction Defender's Office, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Suite 1100, Nashville, TN 37219 is hereby appointed counsel to represent the petitioner in this cause. Said attorney is hereby allowed 30 days from the date of this Order to file any amendments to the original petition, which he may deem necessary, any such amendments to be filed with the Clerk in quadruplicate.

2. The District Attorney General is hereby given 30 days from the date of this Order within which to answer said petition; provided however, if the petitioner's attorney files any amendments, then the said 30 days granted will commence to run on the date said amendments are filed with the Clerk.

3. This case is placed on the docket on June 20, 2018, for an evidentiary hearing herein.


4. The Attorney for the Petitioner is responsible for notifying the Judge's secretary two weeks prior to the court date for transportation.

5. The Clerk of this Court will send certified copies of this Order to petitioner's attorney; to the petitioner; to the Warden; to the District Attorney



General; and to the State Attorney General and Reporter.

ENTER this the 1st day of March, 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob R. McGee", is written over a horizontal line.

BOB R. MCGEE, JUDGE  
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DIVISION II