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Mr. Villanueva requests leave to file the attached Petition for a Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Mr. Villanueva has been found indigent and the undersigned counsel was appointed to represent Mr. Villanueva see attached Order of Appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ed Stapleton

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**ENTERED**

August 04, 2017

David J. Bradley, Clerk

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
BROWNSVILLE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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*versus*

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Rafael Villanueva

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Criminal No. 1:17-cr-00508

**ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL**

Because the above-named Defendant, Rafael Villanueva, has testified under oath or has otherwise satisfied this Court that (s)he is financially unable to employ counsel and does not wish to waive counsel, and because the interests of justice so require, an attorney is hereby **APPOINTED** to represent this person in the above designated case.

**Attorney appointed: Edward Stapleton**

If this case subsequently proceeds to the United States District Court, the appointment **SHALL** remain in effect until terminated or a substitute attorney is appointed or makes an appearance herein on behalf of the Defendant.

Signed on August 4, 2017.

  
Ronald G. Morgan  
United States Magistrate Judge