

No.

In The  
Supreme Court of the United States

Eugene Roberts,

Petitioner

vs.

People of the Virgin Islands,

Respondent

On Petition For Writ of Certiorari  
To The Virgin Islands Supreme Court

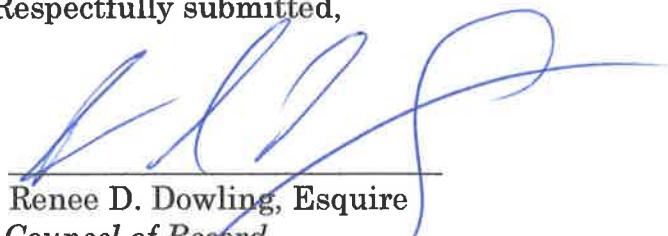
**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

COMES NOW Eugene Roberts, by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby moves this Honorable Court, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Counsel was appointed to represent Eugene Roberts by Order entered April 25, 2014, in the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, Division of St. Croix. The initial trial court order appointing counsel extends to the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands, and counsel is not allowed to withdraw without leave of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court.

WHEREFORE Eugene Roberts pray that this Court grant his motion and allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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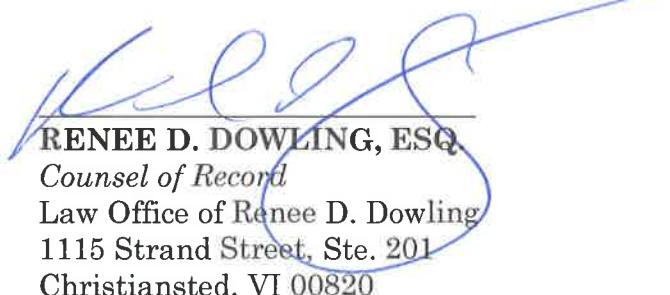
DATED: September 21, 2022

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Renee D. Dowling, an attorney appointed by order of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, hereby certify that on September 21, 2022, a copy of the Motion for Leave to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* and a copy of this Certificate were served on The People of the Virgin Islands, 213 Estate La Reine, RR1 Box 6151, Kingshill, VI 00851, by depositing an envelope containing the above documents in the United States mail with first class postage prepaid.

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

Executed on September 21, 2022.

  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

PEOPLE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS,

Plaintiff,

**CASE NO.** SX-14-CR-136

vs.

**COMPLAINT** MURDER 1ST. DEGREE

EUGENE ROBERTS,

Defendant.

**ORDER RELIEVING AND APPOINTING NEW COUNSEL**

Charge(s) MURDER 1ST. DEGREE

(  ) Felony (  ) Misdemeanor (  ) Other

Having reviewed the defendant's affidavit of financial status and being satisfied after appropriate inquiry that the above named defendant is financially unable to obtain counsel and said defendant not having waived the appointment of counsel;

Having further determined that private counsel is required in this case because the Territorial Public Defender has asserted a conflict on the record, precluding representation by that office;

**IT IS ORDERED** that the following member of the Bar is hereby appointed to represent the defendant in all matters pertaining to this action in the Superior Court unless and until relieved by order of the Superior Court and thereafter unless and until relieved by order of the appellate court(s) in this jurisdiction.

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The said attorney is authorized, pursuant to law, to present to the court a claim for compensation and reimbursement for expenses of representation reasonably incurred based on the rates set by the Court. The said attorney is further authorized to arrange for other counsel to appear in his/her place at Court proceedings, provided a stipulated notice of such arrangement and notice of appearance are filed with the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney MICHAEL J. DEPONTE  
previously appointed in this case, is relieved of further responsibility.

DATED this 25TH day of APRIL, 2014

Judge

On

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

ESTRELLA GEORGE ACTING

**Clerk of the Court**

By:

Court Clerk II