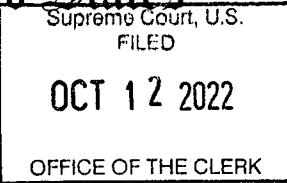


22-5899  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE  
**Supreme Court Of The United States**

DALE V. MERRITT  
Petitioner,



V.

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
Respondent.

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT KNOXVILLE

MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

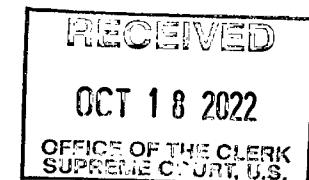
COMES NOW, the Petitioner, and asks this Court for leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari in forma paupers ["IFP"] without prepayment of costs. Attached hereto is a copy of the affidavit or declaration to proceed IFP with a copy of his inmate trust fund account for the past six months. Petitioner has been given permission to proceed on appeal IFP in the Tenn. Ct. Crim. App. And Sup. Ct. of Tenn. in the proceedings below.

Dale V. Merritt #555819

Petitioner/Pro Se

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dale V. Merritt #555819



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

I, Dale VINSON Merritt, 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>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Self-employment	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Child Support	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
<b>Total monthly income:</b>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</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
NA	NA	NA	\$ NA
			\$
			\$

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
NA	NA	NA	\$ NA
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial institution	Type of account	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
NA	NA	\$ NA	\$ NA
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

Home  
 Value NA

Other real estate

Value NA

Motor Vehicle #1  
 Year, make & model NA  
 Value \_\_\_\_\_

Motor Vehicle #2

Year, make & model NA

Value \_\_\_\_\_

Other assets  
 Description NA  
 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
NA	\$ NA	\$ NA
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.

Name	Relationship	Age
NA	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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)	\$ NA	\$ _____
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)	\$ NA	\$ _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ NA	\$ _____
Food	\$ NA	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ NA	\$ _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ NA	\$ _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ NA	\$ _____

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

INMATE

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:

INMATE

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

NA INMATE

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

Executed on: October 10, 2022

Dale V. Menard 555819  
(Signature)