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

STEVEN L. HADEN, Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, Respondent.

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the California Court of Appeal,
First Appellate District, Division Four

Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis

Petitioner, through his appointed counsel, seeks leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari to the California Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Four, without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Counsel was appointed in the California Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court pursuant to California Penal Code s 1240 (a)(1).

This motion is brought under Rule 39 (1) of the Rules of
the Supreme Court of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE: December 22, 2022

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