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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MOHAMED IBRAHIM AHMED,
Petitioner

v.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent

**ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATE COURT
OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

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TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUSTICES OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT:

COMES NOW, MOHAMED IBRAHIM AHMED, Petitioner, and requests leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis.

Undersigned counsel was appointed¹ to represent Petitioner in accordance with the Criminal Justice Act by the Honorable District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Waco Division, and Petitioner has previously been granted permission to proceed in forma pauperis in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹ A copy of the order of appointment is appended.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served upon the following party(ies) via First Class Mail with Tracking on February 13, 2023:

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BEAUMONT DIVISION**

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CASE NO. 1:17-CR-151

ORDER

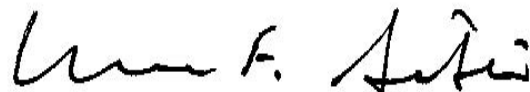
Pending before the Court for purposes of this order is attorney Kambira Jones Morgan's motion to withdraw as appellate counsel (doc. #235). This Court recently appointed Ms. Morgan, a member of the CJA panel for the Eastern District of Texas, to represent the defendant in his criminal appeal. Counsel now requests that she be allowed to withdraw at this time due to personal commitments, including the birth of her newborn daughter. The District Court referred the motion to the undersigned for determination pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b).

The Court finds good cause to support Ms. Morgan's withdrawal under the circumstances. The Court **ORDERS** that the motion to withdraw (doc. #235) is **GRANTED**. Attorney Kambira Jones Morgan is **TERMINATED** as appellate counsel of record for Mr. Ahmed.

The Court previously determined that Mr. Ahmed is entitled to the appointment of counsel for appellate purposes. The Court further **ORDERS** that Denton Lessman, another appellate member of the CJA panel of attorneys for the Eastern District of Texas, is appointed to represent Mohamed Ibrahim Ahmed on appeal. The Clerk's office is directed to prepare the requisite CJA form.

It is so ordered.

SIGNED this the 28th day of January, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith F. Giblin", written over a horizontal line.

KEITH F. GIBLIN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE