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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

**LOUIS B. GASKIN,
PETITIONER,**

VS.

**STATE OF FLORIDA,
RESPONDENT.**

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of Florida

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

**THIS IS A CAPITAL CASE
WITH AN EXECUTION SCHEDULED FOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023, AT 6:00 PM**

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Petitioner, LOUIS BERNARD GASKIN, asks leave of this Court, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP) in connection with his application for a stay of execution and petition for a writ of certiorari. Mr. Gaskin is an indigent prisoner on Florida's death row with a scheduled execution on April 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Gaskin was previously granted IFP status by Florida's state and federal courts. Counsel of record for Mr. Gaskin in this Court, the Law Office of the Capital Collateral Regional Counsel – Middle Region, was appointed to represent Mr. Gaskin by the Florida Supreme Court pursuant to Florida Statutes, section 57.081 (1993), on July 31, 1995, and was appointed by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3599 on April 25, 2006.

Pursuant to Supreme Court 39, Mr. Gaskin respectfully requests that he be allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,

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