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**22-7677**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FRANCIS O. AKPORE — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA — RESPONDENT(S)

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

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

11th CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

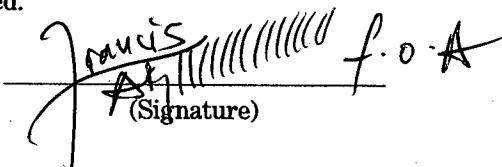
Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

The appointment was made under the following provision of law: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ or

a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

  
(Signature)

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

I, Francis O. Akpere, 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>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
<b>Total monthly income:</b>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</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
Unemployed	N/A	N/A	\$ 0
Self		June 2021	\$ 980 (worked only for 6 days)

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
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
		✓	\$ ✓
✓	✓	✓	\$ ✓

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 100.00 [70,000 naira]  
 Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
Checking	\$ 43,000 naira	\$ N/A
May 15 2023	\$ ✓	\$ ✓
CASH	\$ 21,000	\$ ✓
	49,000	

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Other real estate
Value _____	Value _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #1 / Part owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model Fiat Ducato	Year, make & model _____
Value 314,000 Dollars	Value _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other assets	None
Description _____	
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
N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name	Relationship	Age
None	N/A	N/A
✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓

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)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Are real estate taxes included? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 10.00	\$ N/A
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Food	\$ 30.00	\$ N/A
Clothing	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Medical and dental expenses	\$ N/A	\$ N/A

NB: I reside in my father's house, my sister-in-law pay electricity bills only, I fix the water pumping machine; the property has a well. On occasion twice I was given an equivalent of \$130, within the last two years by family members. I also do all the handy-man repairs in the property as my contribution because of my economic situation

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

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number: N/A

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? N/A

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number: N/A

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

I was removed to Nigeria on 8/14/18, I have not had employment because of litigating my wrongful removal; I can't mix both. I decided to be self-employed and operate a logistics business but the milieu is non-conducive. I live in my father's house and do maintenance as my contribution, as such I feed with the

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. <sup>Family of my brother</sup> I can't afford \$300.00.

Executed on: May 10, 2023

J. James  
May 10/2023  
(Signature)

J. O. A.

Question 9: Yes I do expect a change to commence getting a monthly income. As identified in question 6, I am co-owner with my younger brother of a van. Initially I was going to operate a logistics business interstate, then I quit the route because of the kidnappings on the highway and decided to operate intrastate, within Lagos. However, there are too many touts that demand tolls (illegally), sometime aided by the local police and failure to pay could result in damage to the vehicle or even loss of life. NUPENG, the Nigerian Petro union workers lost over 10 tanker drivers to these touts in the last year alone; I got discouraged momentarily.

Several court cases have been initiated to address this menace and other issues for transport workers. I am optimistic that ~~other~~ a practical resolution to these touts issue is reached, I would be able to operate my intrastate business. I operated for six day and made about 400,000 naira ( $\approx$  900 Dollars), please note that the Federal minimum wage in Nigeria is 30,000 Naira per month. I expect that if I can operate without any hindrance intrastate, I would guarantee a minimum of 1,000,000 Naira ( $\approx$  \$2,000/month). I still feel very much unsafe about operating interstate, even though the revenue could double that of operating intrastate.