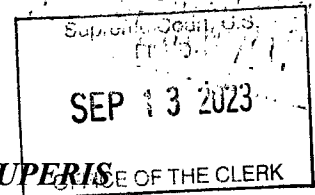


FILE NO. 23-5695

In the
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Stephen Michael Michuda, Petitioner
v.
State of Minnesota, Respondent



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*.

Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following courts: Hennepin County District Court, Minnesota Court of Appeals, Minnesota Supreme Court. Note: Minn. Stat. C. 590 does not require payment of fees/costs for postconviction.

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto (Court Copy only).

The appointment of counsel was required in this case under Minn. Stat. §590.05 because Michuda did not have a direct appeal, but the State Public Defenders Office has refused to assist Michuda on post-conviction (three times). The MN Supreme Court ruled that such refusals to assist were unconstitutional, and that defendants are guaranteed right to one review and the right to assistance of counsel on that one review under Art. I, §6 of the MN Constitution, *Deegan v. State*, 711 N.W.2d 89, 98 (Minn. 2006). Michuda has not yet had that one review with the assistance of counsel.

Signed: Stephen Michuda

Dated: September 12, 2023

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

I, Stephen Michael Michuda, 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>140.00</u> | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ <u>140.00</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>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Interest and dividends | \$ <u>2.50</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>2.50</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Gifts | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Alimony | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Child Support | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance) | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Disability (such as social security, insurance payments) | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Unemployment payments | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Public-assistance (such as welfare) | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Other (specify): <u>N/A</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Total monthly income: | \$ <u>142.50</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>142.50</u> | \$ <u>0</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 |
|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Inmate - DOC | 7600 525 TH Street | 2018 to present | \$ 140.00 |
| | | | \$ |
| | | | \$ |

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 | \$ 0 |
| | | | \$ |
| | | | \$ |

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 0

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 |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| Spending - Dept. of Corrections | \$ 31.50 | \$ 0 |
| Gate Savings - Dept. of Corrections | \$ 500.00 | \$ 0 |
| Savings - Bank | \$ 3,450.00 | \$ 0 |

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

☐ Home N/A
Value _____

☐ Other real estate N/A
Value _____

☐ Motor Vehicle #1 N/A
Year, make & model _____
Value _____

☐ Motor Vehicle #2 N/A
Year, make & model _____
Value _____

☐ Other assets N/A
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 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>N/A</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

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 |
|------------|--------------|------------|
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

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) | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| 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) | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep) | \$ <u>7.00</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Cost of confinement - deduction | | |
| Food/Hygiene | \$ <u>20.00</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Clothing | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Laundry and dry cleaning | \$ <u>2.00</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Medical and dental expenses - Copay | \$ <u>1.00</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |

| | You | Your spouse |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments) | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc. | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments) | | |
| Homeowner's or renter's | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Life | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Health | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Motor Vehicle | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Other: <u>N/A</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments) | | |
| (specify): <u>N/A</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Installment payments | | |
| Motor Vehicle | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Credit card(s) | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Department store(s) | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Other: <u>School Loans - Federal (will soon start plan)</u> | \$ <u>To Be Determined</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others <u>Court-ordered</u> | \$ <u>30.00</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement) | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Other (specify): <u>N/A</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Total monthly expenses: | \$ <u>60.00⁺</u> | \$ <u>0</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:

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:

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

I am incarcerated, without counsel; I owe more than \$20,000 in school loans; I earn only \$1.00 per hour @ 35 hrs per week as an inmate worker.

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

Executed on: September 12, 2023

Stephen Mucha
(Signature)