In The Supreme Court of the United States

RUSSELL DEAN ALFORD,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner Russell Dean Alford respectfully moves for leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis* in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 39 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7).

A United States Magistrate Judge found Mr. Alford financially unable to obtain counsel, and the district court appointed the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Alabama to represent Mr. Alford under to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.

In reliance upon Sup. Ct. R. 39.1 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7), Mr. Alford has not attached the affidavit that would otherwise be required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) and the rules of this Court.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of April, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this 4th day of April, 2024, in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 29, copies of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis were delivered to Federal Express, a third-party commercial carrier, for delivery to the Clerk within 3 calendar days.

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I certify that all parties required to be served have been served.

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