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IN THE

Supreme Court of The United States

ERIK JOHNSON,

Petitioner,

v.

PATRICK GRIFFIN,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to United States Supreme Court Rule 39.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit appointed counsel, Paul Skip Laisure, under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to represent Petitioner. The order of assignment is attached. Petitioner has remained incarcerated since the commencement of his case and, on information and belief, is indigent.

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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE
SECOND CIRCUIT**

At a Stated Term of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, held at the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, in the City of New York, on the 21st day of February, two thousand twenty-three.

ORDER

Erik Johnson,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

Patrick Griffin,

Respondent - Appellee.

Docket No. 22-2007

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Paul Skip Laisure, Esq., 1225 Franklin Avenue, Suite 325, Garden City, NY 11530 is assigned as Appellant's counsel pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. Attorney Laisure is directed to review Local Rule 31.2 regarding procedures for setting the filing dates for the submission of briefs and to brief the issues for which the district court granted a certificate of appealability.

For the Court:

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe,
Clerk of Court

 