

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OCTOBER TERM, 2023

No. _____

MELVIN RIVERS,

Petitioner,

- vs -

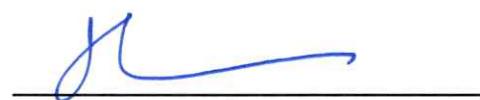
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* AND FOR
THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Pursuant to Rule 39 of this Court, Petitioner, Melvin Rivers, moves for leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, without prepayment of fees or costs to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

On the basis of his indigence, I was appointed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, by the United States District Court for the Southern District of California in case number 13cr3954-BEN and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in case number 23-50043, upon which the instant Petition for Writ of Certiorari is based.



JOHN LANAHAN, Affiant