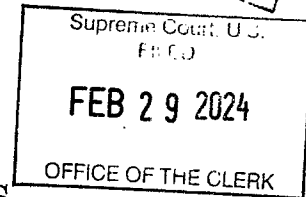


No. 23-7416

ORIGINAL

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES



Christopher J. Pratt — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

United States — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

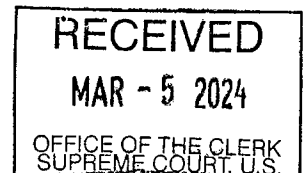
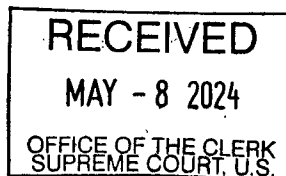
The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

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

☒ 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.

Christopher J. Pratt
(Signature)



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

I, Christopher J. Pratt, 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>40</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>40</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</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>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</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>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>40</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>40</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
FCI Loretto	PO Box 1000 Cresson PA 15630	Jan 2024 -	\$ 40
			\$
			\$

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.)

My wife is paraplegic, disabled

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
N/A			\$
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ ~~7,500~~ ?
Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial institution	Type of account	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
Trustco Bank	Checking + Savings	\$ 7,500 in joint	\$ account
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

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

☒ Home
Value N/A

☐ Other real estate
Value N/A

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model None
Value _____

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model None
Value _____

☒ Other assets
Description No assets of any kind
Value 0

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>	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.

Name	Relationship	Age
<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.

Rent or home-mortgage payment
(include lot rented for mobile home)

Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,
water, sewer, and telephone)

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

Food

Clothing

Laundry and dry-cleaning

Medical and dental expenses

You

*My wife is now back
in China living with
Your spouse's sister
who provides*

\$ 0 \$ 0

\$ 0 \$ 0

\$ 0 \$ 0

\$ 40 \$ 0

\$ 10 \$ 0

\$ 0 \$ 0

\$ 2 \$ 0

Total monthly expenses:

\$ 52.00

\$ 0

Other (specify):

\$

\$

or from (attach detailed statement)

Excess expenses for operation of business, profession,

\$ 1/4

\$ 1/4

Admission, maintenance, and support paid to others

\$ 0

\$ 0

Other:

\$

\$

Department store(s)

\$ 1/4

\$ 1/4

Credit card(s)

\$ 1/4

\$ 1/4

Motor Vehicle

\$ 1/4

\$ 1/4

Installment Payments

(specify):

\$ 0

\$ 1/4

Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)

Other:

20 dollar
EVB (university contribution)

\$ 1.3

\$

Motor Vehicle

\$

\$

Health

\$

\$

Life

\$

\$

Housing (rent or tenants)

\$

\$

Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)

1/4

Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.

\$ 0

\$ 0

Dissemination (not including motor vehicle payments)

\$ 0

\$ 0

Don

Don't know

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? _____

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? \$20 typing

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

Chris Kise Inmate FCI Loretto
PO Box 1000
Cresson PA 16630

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

-18,000 'owed' to Social Security

(I married my wife Ying in 2006. She is paraplegic. 2015 we came to US. At my 2017 arrest, she doesn't speak English, didn't know how to pay bills, allowed more then \$3,000 to accrue in our bank account - SS.I determined we/she owes \$18,000)
\$40,000 student loan debts
\$18,000 Court ordered 'restitution'

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

Executed on: 27 February, 2024
30 April 2024 Christy Pratt

Christopher J Pratt
(Signature)