

No. _____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

RONALD LEE HOWARD
Petitioner,

v.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
Respondent.

PETITION TO PROCEED
IN FORMA PAUPERIS

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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT:

Your petitioner, Ronald Lee Howard, respectfully petitions the Court to permit him to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the accompanying Petition for Writ of Certiorari. He has already been adjudged an indigent in the 222nd District Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, where he was appointed trial counsel and then appellate counsel. The same appellate counsel is the undersigned, now employed by the Panhandle Area Public Defender to represent indigent defendants on appeal. Your petitioner's Declaration in Support of Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis is attached.

Ronald Lee Howard asks to be granted *in forma pauperis* status for the purpose of his Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John Bennett

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WORD COUNT

This is to certify that this Motion contains 281 words.

/s/ John Bennett
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PROOF OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above Petition for Writ of Certiorari was served by email on Chris Strowd, Esq., Deaf Smith County Assistant District Attorney, and on the Post-Conviction Division of the Office of the Texas Attorney General, both on May 8, 2024.

/s/ John Bennett
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**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, Ronald Howard, 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>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</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
NONE			\$ 0
			\$
			\$

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			\$
			\$
			\$

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
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

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

☐ Home
Value NONE

☐ Other real estate
Value NONE

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2011 Toyota
Value \$ 5000

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model
Value

☐ Other assets
Description NONE
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

_____	\$ 0	\$ N/A
_____	\$ 0	\$ N/A
_____	\$ 0	\$ N/A

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
NONE	_____	_____
NONE	_____	_____
NONE	_____	_____

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)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
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)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Food	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Clothing	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 0	\$ N/A

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Life	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Health	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Credit card(s)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Department store(s)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Other (specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Total monthly expenses:	\$ 0	\$ N/A

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? _____

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 HAVE NO JOB NO SOCIAL SECURITY
NO MONEY LEFT NO ASSETS TWO WRECK
CARS ONE PICKUP AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS THATS IT

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

Executed on: 3/22, 2024

Ronald Howery
(Signature)