IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

RUSSELL WILLIAM TUCKER
Petitioner,

v.

 $\begin{array}{c} {\rm STATE~OF~NORTH~CAROLINA} \\ {\rm Respondent.} \end{array}$

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari To the Supreme Court of North Carolina

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner, Russell William Tucker, by and through his undersigned counsel, asks for leave to file the attached Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of North Carolina without repayment of fees and costs, and to proceed *in forma pauperis*, pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of this Court.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-451, the state courts appointed counsel for Mr. Tucker, who is indigent. The order appointing counsel is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted, this the 13th day of May 2024.



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EXHIBIT A

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| • | NORTH CAROLINA | 4 | 94CRS40462-65 dditional File Nos. |
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| Fc | orsyth County | | In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division |
| Name Of Defendant | | | |
| Russell William Tucker | | A | SSIGNMENT OF COUNSEL |
| Social Security No. | Has No Social Security No. | | OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES |
| NOTE: The Office of Indigent Defense Services completes this form. | | IN CAPITAL CA | SES AT THE POST-CONVICTION LEVEL G.S. 7A-451(c), (d); 7A-452 |
| I. POST-CONVICTION APPOINTMENTS | | | |
| by the Supreme Court of North Carolina or the defendant is filing a post-conviction motion pending resolution of his or her direct appeal. The IDS Office will not use this form to appoint counsel for direct appeal of a sentence of death; in such cases, the Court uses AOC-CR-350 to appoint the Office of Appellate Defender. See IDS Rules for Providing Legal Representation in Capital Cases, Part 2B, 2B.2. The Court having determined that the defendant is under a sentence of death, is indigent, and has requested counsel, the IDS Director appoints the two attorneys named below to represent the defendant in preparing, filing, and litigating a | | | |
| | propriate relief. | ow to represent the de- | critical in proparing, timing, and intigating a |
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| The Office of Court where defendant. | Indigent Defense Services has provided the defendant's trial took place, the Distric | a copy of this assignm ct Attorney, the Attorne | ent of counsel order to the Clerk of Superior y General, the appointed attorneys, and the |
| Date 12/11/2023 | Name Of Deputy IDS Director Whitney B. Fairbanks | Signature of Deroit Ibs | Director / |

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion was served electronically upon Special Deputy Attorney General Danielle Marquis Elder, North Carolina Department of Justice, Post Office Box 629, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27602, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, and was electronically served upon the same at dmarquis@ncdoj.gov.

This the 13th day of May 2024.

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