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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2024

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STEVEN ALEXANDER MANTECON,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
STATE OF FLORIDA,  
Respondent.

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN *FORMA PAUPERIS***

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The petitioner, **STEVEN ALEXANDER MANTECON**, MOVES THIS Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and in support of this request, shows as follows:

1. Pursuant to Rule 39.1, a party seeking to proceed *in forma pauperis* must file with this motion a notarized affidavit in support or, if the court below appointed counsel for an indigent party, a copy of the order of the lower court's order of appointment. Attached is a copy of the order of the Circuit Court of Florida's Fourteenth Judicial Circuit declaring Petitioner insolvent and appointing the Public Defender's Office as counsel for his appeal.

2. Petitioner was adjudged insolvent for the purposes of appeal in the First District Court of Appeal for the State of Florida and was represented there by appointed counsel.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that he be permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this matter.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Barbara Busharis, a member of the bar of this Court, hereby certify that on this day of July 16, 2024, a copy of this motion was served, via electronic transmission, by agreement of the parties, to Trisha Meggs Pate, Assistant Attorney General, counsel for Respondent, at [crimappth@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:crimappth@myfloridalegal.com), and that all parties required to be served have been served.

/s/ Barbara Busharis

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO.: 20-451CF

**STEVEN ALEXANDER MANTECON,**  
Defendant.

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**ORDER OF INSOLVENCY FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL**

**THIS CAUSE** came on to be heard upon application of the Defendant, **STEVEN ALEXANDER MANTECON**, for an Order adjudging said Defendant insolvent for the purpose of appealing this cause and procuring the transcript of records and proceedings of trial in order to perfect an appeal in this cause, and requesting the Court to appoint counsel to represent said Defendant in the appeal, it is thereupon

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:**

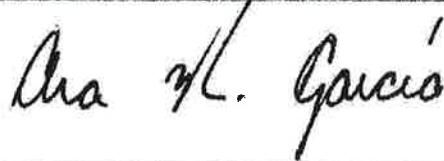
1. That the Defendant, **STEVEN ALEXANDER MANTECON**, be adjudged insolvent for the purpose of perfecting an appeal herein.
2. That the Honorable Kerry Adkison, Esq., Attorney of Record for the Defendant herein, pursuant to 9.140(b)(5)(A), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, shall not be relieved of his duties, or be permitted to withdraw, except for good cause shown upon written motion and hearing until the following have been filed with this Court:
  - (a) Notice of Appeal;
  - (b) Statement of Judicial Acts to be Reviewed;
  - (c) Directions to the Clerk;
  - (d) Designation of the portions of the Court Reporter's Transcript necessary to support the Statement of Judicial Acts to be Reviewed.
3. That the Honorable Kerry Adkison, Esq., Attorney of Record for the Defendant herein, shall not be allowed to withdraw from this cause until written Motion to Withdraw stating that the above-mentioned documents have been filed in this Court, a completed docketing statement has been filed with the First District Court of Appeal, and written notice of his intent to

withdraw having been given to Henry M. Sims, Public Defender, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Post Office Box 636, Marianna, Florida, 32447-0636.

4. That the State of Florida, shall bear any and all costs necessary and incident to the prosecution of this appeal for the Defendant, Steven Alexander Mantecon.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this Monday, April 18, 2022 in Marianna, Jackson County, Florida.

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