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In the

Supreme Court of the United States

THOMAS E. KNUFF, JR.,
Petitioner,

v.

THE STATE OF OHIO,
Respondent.

**PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE OHIO SUPREME COURT**

CAPITAL CASE

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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

[X] Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court and a copy of the appointment entry is appended:

(1). Ohio Supreme Court

[X] Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

[X] A copy of the order of appointment in the Ohio Supreme Court is appended.

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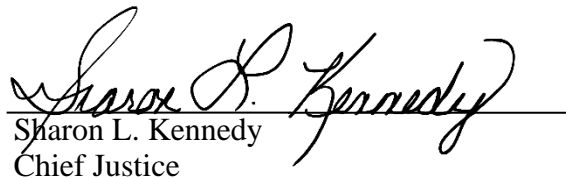
Thomas E. Knuff Jr.

Case No. 2019-1323

E N T R Y

This cause came on for further consideration upon the filing of appellant's motion for appointment of counsel. It is ordered by the court that the motion is granted and Noelle Powell, Erika Cunliffe, and Jeffrey M. Gamso are appointed to represent appellant for the purpose of filing an application to reopen appellant's direct appeal pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 11.06.

(Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas; No. CR-17-618285-A)


Sharon L. Kennedy
Chief Justice

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

I, THOMAS E. KNUFF JR., 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	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Self-employment	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interest and dividends	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gifts	\$	\$	\$	\$
Alimony	\$	\$	\$	\$
Child Support	\$	\$	\$	\$
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Unemployment payments	\$	\$	\$	\$
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify): _____	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total monthly income:	\$	\$	\$	\$

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

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ _____
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
N/A	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

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 N/A
Value N/A

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model N/A
Value

☐ Other assets
Description N/A
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

N/A

Amount owed to you

\$ 0

\$ _____
\$ _____

Amount owed to your spouse

\$ 0

\$ _____
\$ _____

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

N/A

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

\$ 0

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

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.

Im indigent & incarcerated on death row.

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

Executed on: August 9, 2024

Thomas E. Knutson Jr.
(Signature)