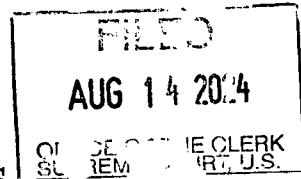


No. 24-5371 ORIGINAL

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES



IN RE ERIC MARTIN MATTHEWS — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA — 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*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

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

United States Court of Appeal for the 5TH Circuit and United  
States District Court for the District of Columbia

Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

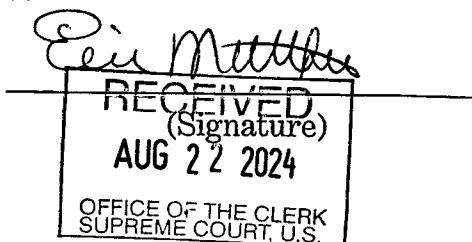
Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

The appointment was made under the following provision of law: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, or

a copy of the order of appointment is appended.



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

I, ERIC MARTIN MATTHEWS, 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.

<b>Income source</b>	<b>Average monthly amount during the past 12 months</b>		<b>Amount expected next month</b>	
	<b>You</b>	<b>Spouse</b>	<b>You</b>	<b>Spouse</b>
Employment	\$ <u>22.61</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>50.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>56.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>50.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
<b>Total monthly income:</b>	\$ <u>78.61</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>93.75</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
FCI BASTROP	P.O. Box 1010 Bastrop TX 78602	Jan 22-April 23	\$ 96.00
FMC Fort Worth	P.O. Box 15330 Fort Worth Tx 76119	Oct 23-Present N/A	\$ 42.00 \$ N/A
N/A			

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
FCI Bastrop	P.O. Box 1010 Bastrop TX 78602	May 22-Aug23	\$ 96.00
FMC Fort Worth	P.O. Box 15330 Fort Worth TX 76119	Aug 23 - Present N/A	\$ 43.75 \$ N/A
N/A			

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ None

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

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

Home Do not own an home

Value N/A

Other real estate No other real estate

Value N/A

Motor Vehicle #1 Does not own a vehicle  
Year, make & model N/A

Value N/A

Motor Vehicle #2 Does not own a vehicle  
Year, make & model N/A

Value N/A

Other assets

Description No other assets

Value N/A

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

<b>Person owing you or your spouse money</b>	<b>Amount owed to you</b>	<b>Amount owed to your spouse</b>
N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	\$ N/A	\$ 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").

<b>Name</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Age</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	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.

	<b>You</b>	<b>Your spouse</b>
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No N/A		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No N/A		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Food (Commissary food)	\$ 30.00	\$ N/A
Clothing	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Medical and dental expenses (Co-Pay)	\$ 4.00	\$ N/A

	<b>You</b>	<b>Your spouse</b>
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc. (Dad pays for a magazine for me)	\$ <u>36.00</u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Life (Dad pays for this for me)	\$ <u>31.00</u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Health	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Other: <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Other: <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
Other (specify): <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>	\$ <u>  N/A  </u>
<b>Total monthly expenses:</b>	<u>  \$ 101.00  </u>	<u>  \$  N/A  </u>
	Dad Pays <u>  \$ 67.00  </u> of the <u>  101  </u>	

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.

I will be released from prison in June of 2025 so I will get a none inmate job.

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? N/A

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

N/A

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? N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746.

Executed on: August 14th, 2024

Eric Mullis  
(Signature)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Eric Matthews. Petitioner, do declare that on this date: August , 2024 I have served the following document(s):

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on each and every party required to be served. I have deposited an envelope/box with proper 1ST Class postage in the Prison Legal Mail System on this date with the above document(s) enclosed.

Below is a list of person(s) that have received copy(s) of these document(s):

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 12.2 the Petitioner in this Case only has to file one copy.

One (1) Original and One (1) Copy to:

United States Supreme Court  
1 1ST Street NE  
Washington, D.C. 20534

I , Eric Matthews, Petitioner, do declare under penalty of perjury, 28 U.S.C. 1746 that the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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