

No. \_\_\_\_\_

In the  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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MAHLON PRATER, JR.,

*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Respondent.*

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On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari  
to the United States Court of Appeals  
for the Sixth Circuit

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**MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

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Petitioner, Mahlon Prater, Jr., moves under Supreme Court Rule 39 for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. In support of this motion, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is filing a petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, seeking review of the Sixth Circuit's opinion affirming Petitioner's convictions and sentence.
2. Petitioner was granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the district court with respect to his appeal in the Sixth Circuit.
3. Under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, counsel for Petitioner was appointed to represent Petitioner in this matter.
4. Counsel for Petitioner intends to and shall represent Petitioner in all proceedings in this Court.

Petitioner therefore respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the motion and allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,

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