

No. _____

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

JAWAN FORTIA,
Petitioner,
v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent.

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

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

NOW COMES Petitioner Jawan Fortia, through undersigned counsel, and moves this Honorable Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7). A United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana appointed the Federal Public Defender to represent Mr. Fortia. *See United States v. Fortia*, No. 2:14-CR-131, ECF No. 64 (E.D. La. Aug. 29, 2014) (order) (attached hereto).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully moves this Honorable Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of November, 2024.

/s/ Celia Rhoads
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CR.NO. 14-131 N

ORDER

VERSUS

☒ Appointing Counsel

☐ Substituting Counsel For:

JAWAN FORTIA

☐ Ratifying Prior Service

☐ Extending Appointment For Appeal

CHARGE: VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT AND
THE FEDERAL GUN CONTROL ACT

☒ FELONY ☐ MISDEMEANOR

☒ The defendant, having satisfied this Court that he/she: (1) is financially unable to employ counsel, and
(2) does not wish to waive counsel, and because the interests of justice so require, the Federal Public
Defender named below is hereby appointed to represent this defendant in the above designated case until
relieved by order of the District Court:

**CLAUDE J. KELLY, FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER, HALE BOGGS FEDERAL BLDG.,
RM 318, 500 CAMP ST, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130 PHONE: (504)589-7930**

☐ Federal Public Defender is appointed for the limited purpose of:

☐ It appearing to the Court that although the defendant is financially unable to employ counsel, he/she is
totally indigent.

☐ IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant pay to the Clerk, U. S. District Court for services of
counsel, the total amount of \$ _____ to be paid within 10 working days
or by _____.

☐ IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant is to pay to the Clerk, U.S. District Court, for services
of counsel, \$ _____ per month. This amount is to be paid, beginning on _____, 20____,
until further orders of the Court.

Dated at New Orleans, Louisiana, on AUGUST 29, 2014


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Copy to Financial Unit Clerk (*Only if defendant is ordered to pay*)

FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT			
IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY, EXPERT OR OTHER COURT SERVICES WITHOUT PAYMENT OF FEE			
IN THE CASE OF _____ V.S. _____			
IN THE UNITED STATES <input type="checkbox"/> MAGISTRATE <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> APPEALS COURT or <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER PANEL (Specify below)		LOCATION NUMBER <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	
PERSON REPRESENTED (Show your full name) <div style="font-size: 24px; font-family: cursive;">Jawan Fortia</div>		<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column;"> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">1 <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant—Adult</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">2 <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant - Juvenile</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">3 <input type="checkbox"/> Appellant</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">4 <input type="checkbox"/> Probation Violator</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">5 <input type="checkbox"/> Parole Violator</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">6 <input type="checkbox"/> Habeas Petitioner</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">7 <input type="checkbox"/> 2255 Petitioner</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">8 <input type="checkbox"/> Material Witness</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other</div> </div>	
CHARGE/OFFENSE (describe if applicable & check box →) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor		DOCKET NUMBERS <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Magistrate</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">District Court</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Court of Appeals</div>	

ASSETS	EMPLOYMENT	Are you now <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Am Self-Employed Name and address of employer: _____ IF YES, how much do you earn per month? \$ _____ IF NO, give month and year of last employment How much did you earn per month? \$ _____	
	OTHER INCOME	If married is your Spouse employed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, how much does your Spouse earn per month? \$ _____ If a minor under age 21, what is your Parents or Guardian's approximate monthly income? \$ _____	
	CASH	Have you received within the past 12 months any income from a business, profession or other form of self-employment or in the form of the form of rent payments, interest, dividends, retirement or annuity payments, or other sources? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, GIVE THE AMOUNT RECEIVED & IDENTIFY THE SOURCES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">RECEIVED</div> <div style="width: 50%;">SOURCES</div> </div>	
	PROPERTY	Have you any cash on hand or money in savings or checking accounts? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, state total amount \$ _____ Do you own any real estate, stocks, bonds, notes, automobiles, or other valuable property (excluding ordinary household furnishings and clothing)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, GIVE THE VALUE AND \$ DESCRIBE IT <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">VALUE</div> <div style="width: 50%;">DESCRIPTION</div> </div>	

OBLIGATIONS & DEBTS	DEPENDENTS	MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED OR DIVORCED	Total No. of Dependents <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24px;">0</div>	List persons you actually support and your relationship to them <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
	DEBTS & MONTHLY BILLS <small>(LIST ALL CREDITORS, INCLUDING BANKS, LOAN COMPANIES, CHARGE ACCOUNTS, ETC.)</small>	Creditors	Total Debt	Monthly Paymt.
		APARTMENT OR HOME: _____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date)

8/29/14

SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT
(OR PERSON REPRESENTED)

Jawan Fortia