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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

AVERY JAMAL EDWARDS,  
Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Respondent.

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

Petitioner, Avery Jamal Edwards, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(b) and Rule 39 of the United States Supreme Court, asks leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Federal Public Defender's Office was appointed to represent Mr. Edwards in the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit pursuant to an appointment under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, as amended.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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