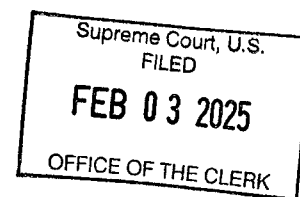


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No. \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL



IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ARTHUR J. BURTON

(Your Name)

PETITIONER

VS.

MELODY JOHNSON, et al.

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):

NONE since 3-strike Rule:  
1995

☒ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court. YES before 1995.

☒ 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.

Arthur J. Burton  
(Signature)

and the proceedings that took place in the lower courts. You may need to attach additional pages, but the statement should be concise and limited to the relevant facts of the case.

### **13. Reasons for Granting the Petition**

The purpose of this section of the petition is to explain to the Court why it should grant certiorari. It is important to read Rule 10 and address what compelling reasons exist for the exercise of the Court's discretionary jurisdiction. Try to show not only why the decision of the lower court may be erroneous, but the national importance of having the Supreme Court decide the question involved. It is important to show whether the decision of the court that decided your case is in conflict with the decisions of another appellate court; the importance of the case not only to you but to others similarly situated; and the ways the decision of the lower court in your case was erroneous. You will need to attach additional pages, but the reasons should be as concise as possible, consistent with the purpose of this section of the petition.

### **14. Conclusion**

Enter your name and the date that you submit the petition.

### **15. Proof of Service**

You must serve a copy of your petition on counsel for respondent(s) as required by Rule 29. If you serve the petition by first-class mail or by third-party commercial carrier, you may use the enclosed proof of service form. If the United States or any department, office, agency, officer, or employee thereof is a party, you must serve the Solicitor General of the United States, Room 5614, Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20530-0001. The lower courts that ruled on your case are not parties and need not be served with a copy of the petition. The proof of service may be in the form of a declaration pursuant to 28 U. S. C. § 1746.

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

I, ARTHUR J. BURTON, 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	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>not married</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>not married</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>
Other (specify): <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>
<b>Total monthly income:</b>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>"</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
<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

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
<u>not married</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ ~~0~~ 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
<u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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

☐ Home  
Value NONE

☐ Other real estate  
Value NONE

☐ Motor Vehicle #1  
Year, make & model NONE  
Value \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Motor Vehicle #2  
Year, make & model NONE  
Value \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other assets  
Description NONE  
Value \_\_\_\_\_

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

Person owing you or your spouse money

NONE

Amount owed to you

\$ NONE

Amount owed to your spouse

\$ NONE

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

NONE

Relationship

NONE

Age

NONE

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.

NONE

You

Your spouse

Rent or home-mortgage payment  
(include lot rented for mobile home)

\$ NONE

\$ NONE

Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,  
water, sewer, and telephone)

\$ NONE

\$ NONE

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ NONE

\$ NONE

Food

\$ NONE

\$ NONE

Clothing

\$ NONE

\$ NONE

Laundry and dry-cleaning

\$ NONE

\$ NONE

Medical and dental expenses

\$ NONE

\$ NONE

	<b>You</b>	<b>Your spouse</b>
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>

Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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**Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)**

Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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Life	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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Health	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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Other: <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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**Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)**

(specify): <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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**Installment payments** NONE

Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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Credit card(s)	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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Department store(s)	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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Other: <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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Other (specify): <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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<b>Total monthly expenses:</b> <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>
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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.

I owe MDOC over \$33,000  
institutional debts.

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

Executed on:

3 February 2025  
~~3 February 2025~~  
3 February 2025

Arthur J. Burton

(Signature)

mailed on 2-3-25  
by CSJ-318, Legal mail  
form. Rule 29.2.