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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MICHAEL LEE SHARPE - PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF TEXAS - RESPONDENT

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*

Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and was appointed counsel in the following courts:

Criminal District Court Number Three, Tarrant County, Texas on February 10, 2023 for the original Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. This is the original appointment for Petitioner's criminal case and prior to a case number being assigned.

Criminal District Court Number Three, Tarrant County, Texas on August 12, 2024 for the original Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon after re-indictment. Cause Number 1836829.

Criminal District Court Number Three, Tarrant County, Texas on August 27, 2024 for the pretrial habeas corpus petition which had

previously been filed, which is the case that is appealed to this Court.

Cause Number C0011658.

Criminal District Court Number Three, Tarrant County, Texas on August 16, 2024 for the appeal of the trial court's denial of relief to the Second Court of Appeals of Texas. Cause Number 02-24-00282-CR, and further to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Cause Number PD-0036-25. Texas law provides, as indicated on the appointment forms, that an appointment continues thru final appeals, if any, are exhausted.

Petitioner's affidavit is not attached because the court below appointed counsel pursuant to Art. 26.04, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure in all state cases. Counsel has not been appointed in the case before this Court, however, the undersigned counsel is representing Petitioner Pro Bono. A copy of the orders of appointment are attached.

Michael Lee Sharpe 5/14/2025

MICHAEL LEE SHARPE - PETITIONER

William H. "Bill" Ray 5/14/2025
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER (PRO BONO)
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ORDER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

STATE OF TEXAS VS MICHAEL LEE SHARPE	& Criminal Court (Unfiled) & OF & Tarrant County, TEXAS
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Offense(s)

Date	Offense	Court	Cause	Complaint	MTR/ MTA	Appeal
02/09/23	UNL POSS FIREARM BY FELON (F3)	Criminal Court (Unfiled)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Defendant

Name MICHAEL LEE SHARPE

Local Id 0022273

Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1958



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Phone

Cell Phone 817-769-0836

Indigency Status:

Address 1113 S HAYNES ST

Full

City, State Zip FORT WORTH, Texas 76105

Defendant Email Address

Gender Male

Race Black

Custody Location

Appointed Attorney

Name William Ray

Phone 817-698-9090

Email bill@billraylawyer.com

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City, State Zip Haltom City, Texas 76117

UserName ray

This appointment shall remain in effect until all charges are dismissed, the defendant is acquitted, appeals are exhausted, or the attorney is permitted or ordered by the court to withdraw as counsel for the defendant after a finding of good cause is entered on the record; and with respect to a defendant not represented by other counsel, before withdrawing as counsel for the defendant after a trial or entry of a plea of guilty; advise the defendant of the defendant's right to file a motion for new trial and a notice of appeal; if the defendant wishes to pursue either or both remedies, assist the defendant in requesting the prompt appointment of replacement counsel; and if replacement counsel is not appointed promptly and the defendant wishes to pursue an appeal, file a timely notice of appeal. You are required by law to make every reasonable effort to contact the defendant not later than the end of the first working day after the date on which you are appointed and to interview the defendant as soon as practicable thereafter. Attorney appointed from the County Approved Attorney Wheel and is the next attorney qualified to represent the defendant.

Attorney appointed from the County Approved Attorney Wheel and is the next attorney qualified to represent the defendant.

Court Appointed Designee

Date

Time

DAVID PULLIAM

2/10/2023

12:18 AM

ORDER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

STATE OF TEXAS VS MICHAEL LEE SHARPE	& & &	Criminal District Court No. 3 OF Tarrant County, TEXAS
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Attorney appointed out of rotation by signed judicial order or appointed by judges' designee according to Tarrant County's Approved Policy.

Court Appointed Designee

Date

Time

DEZMONE BROADWAYTATE

8/12/2024

12:28 PM

CASE NO. C-0011658

FILED
TARRANT COUNTY
8/16/2024 11:40 am
THOMAS A. WILDER
DISTRICT CLERK

THE STATE OF TEXAS
EX PARTE
VS.
MICHAEL LEE SHARPE

IN THE CRIMINAL
DISTRICT COURT #3
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

MOTION FOR FREE REPORTER'S RECORD AND
AFFIDAVIT OF INABILITY TO PAY FOR
COUNSEL AND REPORTER'S RECORD

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Comes now, Michael Lee SHARPE Appellant in the above styled and numbered cause and submits this motion for a free Reporter's Record for the appeal pursuant to Tex. R. App. P. 20.2, stating that he/she is too poor to pay for or otherwise obtain a Reporter's Record for the appeal or to give security therefor either in whole or in part.

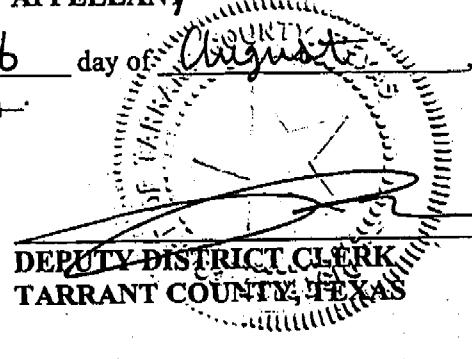
WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Appellant prays that the Motion be granted and that the official Court Reporter thereof be ordered to prepare a Reporter's Record in accordance with Tex. R. App. P. 20.2.


ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

Comes now the Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause, and states to the Court upon his oath that he is without counsel of his own selection to represent him herein, and is unable to obtain a Reporter's Record for Appeal in this cause because he is too poor to pay for same, and is unable to give security therefor in perfecting the appeal before the Court of Appeals of Texas.


APPELLANT

Sworn to and Subscribed to before me this 16 day of August, 2024.


DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

CASE NO. C-00116 58

FILED
TARRANT COUNTY
8/16/2024 11:40 am
THOMAS A. WILDER
DISTRICT CLERK

EX THE STATE OF TEXAS
vs.
MICHAEL LEE SHARPE

IN THE CRIMINAL
DISTRICT COURT # 3
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL FOR THE APPEAL
AND
ORDER FOR COURT REPORTER TO PREPARE REPORTER'S RECORD**

On this day, it being made known and appearing to the Court that the Defendant is without counsel of his own selection to represent him herein, and that he is too poor to employ counsel, or give security therefor, to represent him herein and the Defendant having requested that an attorney be appointed to represent him in the above styled and numbered cause.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, by the Court that WILLIAM RAY, a regularly licensed and practicing attorney is hereby authorized to proceed to perform the duties of the Attorney for the defendant in this cause.

And on this day, it appearing to the Court that the Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause, has given his/her Notice of Appeal to the Court of 2ND Appeals of Texas. And it being made known that the Defendant herein has filed his/her affidavit, stating that he/she is too poor to pay the Court Reporter for a Reporter's Record for such appeal or give security therefor.

The Court is of the opinion that the Defendant is entitled to the relief as prayed for. It is therefore the ORDER of this Court that the Official Court Reporter of this Court, DEBBIE EDWARDS, prepare and furnish a Reporter's Record to be used in perfecting the appeal in this cause.

Douglas A. Alls
PRESIDING JUDGE

8-16-2024
DATE SIGNED