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Derek Michael Mims,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Respondent.*

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

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

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code § 3006A(d)(7) and Rule 39 of this Court, Petitioner Derek Michael Mims seeks leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit without payment of fees or costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner was represented by the undersigned counsel, who was appointed pursuant to Title 18, United States Code § 3006A, in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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