

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ORIGINAL

24-7311

PERCY L. HARRIS

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

RESPONDENT

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

COMES NOW, Percy L. Harris, petitioner, pro se, pursuant to Rules 33.2 and 39, files this Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis. The support thereof would show the following:

STATEMENT

On October 17, 2022, Harris' jury trial commenced. On October 20, 2022, the jury returned a guilty verdict, and the court sentenced Harris to life imprisonment.

On November 17, 2022 Harris' trial attorney filed a Motion to Withdraw and for Appointment of Appellate Counsel and for Authority to proceed on appeal In Forma Pauperis. The Motion was granted by the trial court and the order was filed on November 18, 2022 and is attached to the petition as Appendix C.

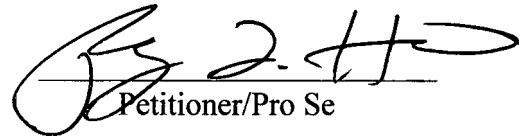
Harris' appeal proceeded and was affirmed by the Mississippi Supreme Court on February 29, 2024. Harris has remained incarcerated in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections throughout this process and is continuously attempting to perfect appeal.

Due to being incarcerated since December 23, 2019, the petitioner is unable to pay the cost of appeal and is requesting this motion is granted and this Honorable Court allow me to proceed without prepayment of costs and declare that I am unable to pay the fees and are entitled to proceed as a pauper. If granted, the petitioner will be able to proceed with the pending Petition for Writ of Certiorari that is requesting this court to review the decision of the Mississippi Supreme Court, in which filed documents went omitted and were not made a part of the record.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner Percy L. Harris respectfully requests this honorable Court to grant him leave to proceed In Forma Pauperis. If granted, the petitioner will be able to proceed with his Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this court.

This motion has been prepared by my hand and in good faith, the petitioner, Mr. Percy L. Harris.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of April, 2025


Petitioner/Pro Se

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

I, Percy L. Harris, 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>60</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>60.00</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
MAGCOR	3794 Hwy 468 Pearl, MS 39208	10.31.23 - Current	\$ 60.00
N/A			\$
N/A			\$

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
N/A			\$
N/A			\$
N/A			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ _____
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
N/A	\$	\$
N/A	\$	\$
N/A	\$	\$

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

☐ Home
Value N/A

☐ Other real estate
Value N/A

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model N/A
Value _____

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model N/A
Value _____

☐ Other assets
Description N/A
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	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
N/A	\$	\$
N/A	\$	\$
N/A	\$	\$

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	Relationship	Age
C.F.M	Daughter	11
P.N.H	Daughter	10
P.L.H	Son	10

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.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Food	\$ 0	\$ 0
Clothing	\$ 0	\$ 0
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 0	\$ 0
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Life	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Health	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

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? \$ 20,000

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

L. Ivan Burghard
230 S. First Street
Brookhaven, MS 39601
601-543-9426

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? _____

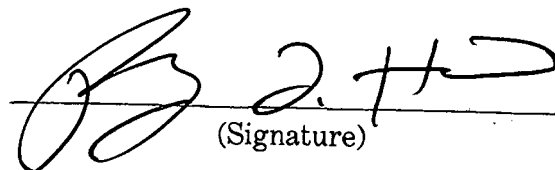
If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

I have been incarcerated since December 23, 2019 and only receive income from my inmate job here at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility.

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

Executed on: April 14, 2025


(Signature)