

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Comes now Kathryn M. Merwald, attorney for Petitioner, Issac Jermale Fisher, who is incarcerated in the Crossroads Correctional Center, Missouri Department of Corrections, to ask leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Supreme Court of the United States without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

1. Petitioner Fisher is presently housed in the Missouri Department of Corrections at the Crossroads Correctional Center.

2. Petitioner Fisher has been represented throughout his case at trial and on appeal by the Missouri State Public Defender because he cannot afford an attorney.

3. Petitioner Fisher was granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal in the Circuit Court of Jackson County on January 6, 2023. A copy of that order is attached.

4. Petitioner Fisher has insufficient assets to pay the costs of this case.

His declaration statement in support of this motion is attached.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner Fisher prays this Court grant him leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
Respondent,) Case No. 1816-CR04939-01
v.)
ISSAC FISHER,) Division 10
Defendant.)

ORDER

Now on this day, the Court, having considered Defendant's Motion to Perfect an Appeal as a Poor Person, finds that the Mr. Fisher is totally without means or resources and is a poor person within the meaning of the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant, Issac Fisher, be permitted to perfect his appeal as a poor person, and that the court reporter of Division 10, if properly requested to do so by Defendant's counsel, prepare the transcript of the record on appeal in this cause, including a copy to be furnished to Mr. Fisher or his duly appointed counsel, and that the costs thereof shall be paid by the State of Missouri.

06-Jan-2023

Date



HONORABLE PATRICK WILLIAM CAMPBELL
Circuit Judge

cc: Theresa Crayon, Assistant Appellate Attorney
Pat Berrigan, Assistant Public Defender

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

I, Issac Fisher, 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>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Self-employment	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Gifts	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Alimony	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Child Support	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Other (specify): <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ N/A

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
N/A - incarcerated since 2018.	N/A	N/A	\$ 0
			\$
			\$

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 - not married	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 0
 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>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings. NONE

Home
 Value _____

Other real estate
 Value _____

Motor Vehicle #1
 Year, make & model _____
 Value _____

Motor Vehicle #2
 Year, make & model _____
 Value _____

Other assets
 Description _____
 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
<u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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
<u>NONE</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
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)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Food	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

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

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? N/A

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? N/A

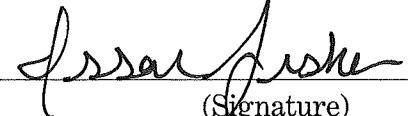
If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

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

I am incarcerated, serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

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

Executed on: April 18th, 2025


(Signature)