

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

ISSAC JERMALE FISHER,)	
)	
	Petitioner,)
)	
vs.)	No. _____
)	
STATE OF MISSOURI,)	
)	
	Respondent.)	

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

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**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>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>Ø</u>	\$ <u>N/A</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
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? \$ Ø
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
NONE	\$ Ø	\$ Ø
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Home Value _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other real estate Value _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #1 Year, make & model _____ Value _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #2 Year, make & model _____ Value _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

N/A

\$ Ø

\$ Ø

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

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

NONE

N/A

N/A

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)

\$ Ø

\$ N/A

Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

\$ Ø

\$ N/A

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ Ø

\$ N/A

Food

\$ Ø

\$ N/A

Clothing

\$ Ø

\$ N/A

Laundry and dry-cleaning

\$ Ø

\$ N/A

Medical and dental expenses

\$ Ø

\$ N/A

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

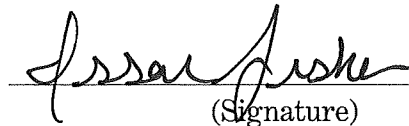
If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

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)