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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MICHAEL BERNARD BELL, Petitioner, SECRETARY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, And ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF FLORIDA Respondents.

MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

The Petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis. In support thereof, Petitioner states the following:

Petitioner was found indigent and appointed state funded counsel at trial, on direct appeal, and during state post-conviction proceedings in the State of Florida. Petitioner was found indigent and permitted to proceed in forma pauperis by the United State District Court for the Middle District of Florida pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915(b)(1). Pursuant to U.S. Sup. Ct. R. 39, a copy of the order of appointment from the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida is appended to the motion as Appendix A.

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