

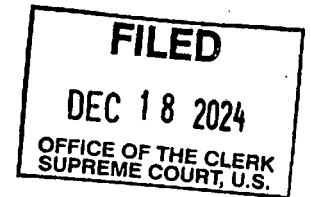
No. \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL

25-5281

IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES



Tony Gooch — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

VS.

AG Ronald Coleman — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

☒ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

United States Middle District of Tennessee  
Tennessee Trial Court, Tennessee Appellate Court

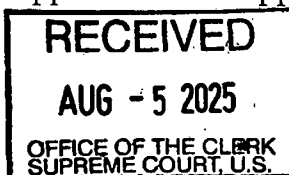
☐ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

☒ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: \_\_\_\_\_, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.



Mr. Tony Gooch  
(Signature)

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

I, Tony Gooch, 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<br>the past 12 months |               | Amount expected<br>next month |          |
|--|---|---------------|-------------------------------|----------|
|  | You   | Spouse        | You                           | Spouse   |
| Employment   | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| Self-employment  | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| Income from real property<br>(such as rental income)                       | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| Interest and dividends   | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| Gifts  | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| Alimony  | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| Child Support  | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| Retirement (such as social<br>security, pensions,<br>annuities, insurance) | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| Disability (such as social<br>security, insurance payments)                | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| Unemployment payments  | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| Public-assistance<br>(such as welfare)                                     | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| Other (specify): _____   | \$ <u>N/A</u>                                       | \$ <u>N/A</u> | \$ _____                      | \$ _____ |
| <b>Total monthly income:</b>   | \$ <u>N/A</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 |
|------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u>          | \$ <u>N/A</u>     |
| <u> </u>   | <u> </u>   | <u> </u>            | \$ <u> </u>       |
| <u> </u>   | <u> </u>   | <u> </u>            | \$ <u> </u>       |

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 |
|------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u>          | \$ <u>N/A</u>     |
| <u> </u>   | <u> </u>   | <u> </u>            | \$ <u> </u>       |
| <u> </u>   | <u> </u>   | <u> </u>            | \$ <u> </u>       |

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

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

☐ Home N/A  
Value  

☐ Other real estate  
Value  

☐ Motor Vehicle #1  
Year, make & model    
Value  

☐ Motor Vehicle #2  
Year, make & model    
Value  

☐ Other assets N/A  
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

\$ 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

N/A

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)

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Food

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Clothing

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Laundry and dry-cleaning

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

Medical and dental expenses

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

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

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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.

The petitioner has been incarcerated in state custody over six years, and do not have a job. Mr. Gooch has been declared indigent by the Court.

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

Executed on: July 28, 2025

Mr. Tony Gooch,

(Signature)

**“SEE ATTACHED COPY  
OF INDIGENT ORDER”**

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ORDER

The Appellant, Tony Gooch, filed a *pro se* notice of appeal on or about September 28, 2022. He states he is appealing the order denying his motion for new trial that was entered on September 14, 2022. The appellate record has not yet been filed. The Appellant appears to have been represented by appointed counsel during trial. On September 14, 2022, the trial court granted the Appellant's request to dismiss counsel and proceed *pro se* on appeal. Accordingly, he is now representing himself before this Court.

The deadline for filing the record has not yet expired. Tenn. R. App. P. 24 and 25. However, because the Appellant is indigent and incarcerated, the trial court shall ensure the relevant transcripts are ordered for inclusion in the record. The trial clerk shall then assemble and transmit the record on appeal in due course. Thereafter, this appeal shall proceed in accordance with the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Judge Robert L. Holloway, Jr.