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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Christopher Ellis, *Petitioner*,

v.

The United States, *Respondent*.

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Motion For Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis

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Pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of this Court, the Petitioner, Christopher Ellis, asks leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari, without prepayment of costs, and to proceed in forma pauperis.

The petitioner was represented by counsel appointed pursuant to Title 18, United States Code § 3006A (the Criminal Justice Act) both in the district court and on direct appeal to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. A Copy of the order appointing counsel is attached. Petitioner is currently incarcerated in the Federal Bureau of Prisons and remains indigent.

Respectfully submitted,

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**United States District Court  
Southern District of Iowa**

United States of America, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) Case No. 3:22-mj-00204  
Christopher Jerome Ellis )  [Check if Federal Public Defender  
Defendant. ) is appearing for initial appearance  
only]

## ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL

The Court finds that the Defendant qualifies for appointment of counsel under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 USC §3006A, and the Criminal Justice Act Plan for the Southern District of Iowa. A CJA Form 23 Financial Affidavit shall be filed within five days of this Order.

It is ORDERED that Federal Defender's Office, or substitute counsel designated pursuant to the CJA Plan, is appointed to represent Defendant for all proceedings, including appeal. The Court may require Defendant to make full or partial repayment of attorney and witness fees, should it find that the Defendant has the ability to make such payment.

Date: December 15, 2022

Steph B. John, Jr.

*Judge's signature*

Stephen B. Jackson, Jr., U.S. Magistrate Judge

*Printed name and title*