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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2017

GERQUAN BELTON, *PETITIONER*

v.

STATE OF OHIO, *RESPONDENT*

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

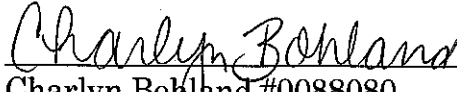
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner Gerquan Belton, through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests leave to file his Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of Ohio, without prepayment of costs or fees, and to proceed *in forma pauperis*, pursuant to SUP. CT. R. 39.

As of December 21, 2017, Gerquan Belton is incarcerated in an Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction facility. He is 20 years old and without the means to retain counsel. On May 27, 2015, because of indigent circumstances, the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas appointed counsel to represent Gerquan Belton in the state appellate court proceedings. Gerquan Belton has proceeded *in forma pauperis* throughout the state court proceedings. The appointment entry in support of this motion is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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