

No.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2017

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VERNON MADISON, Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF ALABAMA, Respondent.

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

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MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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Petitioner, Vernon Madison, pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, respectfully requests leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Alabama Supreme Court without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner was declared indigent at his trial in 1994 and proceeded *in forma pauperis* in all prior proceedings in state and federal courts, including this Court. He was granted permission to proceed *in forma pauperis* in appealing the denial of his habeas corpus petition to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and on December 28, 2011, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals appointed undersigned counsel to represent Mr. Madison pursuant to the Criminal Justice

Act, 18 U.S.C. §3006A. See Sup. Ct. R. 39(1). Since that time, Mr. Madison has been allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis* in all filings, including in this Court. See, e.g., Dunn v. Madison, 138 S. Ct. 9, 12 (2017) (granting Mr. Madison’s motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*); Thomas v. Madison, 568 U.S. 1019 (2012) (granting Mr. Madison’s motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*).

In support of this motion, Petitioner has attached a Declaration in Support of Motion for Leave to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*.<sup>1</sup>

For these reasons, Respondent respectfully requests that this Court again grant him leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this Court.

Respectfully Submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Madison is awaiting receipt of a Prison Account Statement from Holman Prison and will submit that to the Court in support of this motion as soon as it is received.