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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JAQUEZ M. COOPER, Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF GEORGIA, Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Mr. Jaquez M. Cooper; and, pursuant to Sup. Ct. Rule 39.1, asks for leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

- 1) In pre-trial and trial proceedings, Petitioner was represented by appointed counsel due to his indigent status. *See*, O.C.G.A. § 15-1-5; Uniform Superior Court Rule 29.2; Hawkins v. State, 222 Ga. App. 461 (1996).
- 2) The Gwinnett County Superior Court in Georgia appointed the undersigned to represent Petitioner on appeal. *See*, O.C.G.A. § 15-1-5; Uniform Superior Court Rule 29.2. A copy of the appointment order is attached as Exhibit 1.
- 3) Petitioner remains indigent and wishes to pursue a writ of certiorari from this Court to the Court of Appeals of Georgia, which affirmed his

judgment of conviction on June 2, 2017. The Supreme Court of Georgia denied his petition for a writ of certiorari on January 16, 2018.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Cooper asks this Court to grant his motion and allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frances C. Kuo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F" and a stylized "K".

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EXHIBIT 1

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
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) CRIMINAL ACTION

) FILE NUMBER 14-B-04837-10

v.)

) JAQUEZ MONTECO COOPER,
) Defendant

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APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT PERSON
AS REPLACEMENT COUNSEL FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL
& POST TRIAL MATTERS

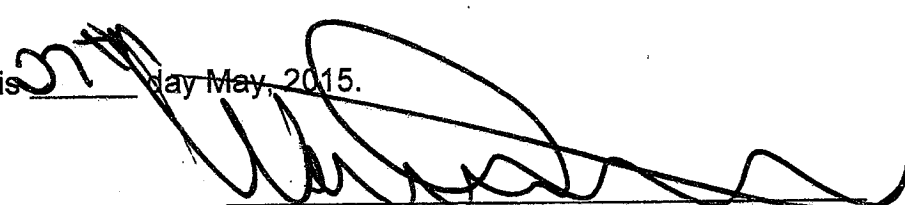
The person named above has satisfied the court that s/he is financially unable to employ an attorney and does not waive an attorney for the purposes of appellate review.

To insure that all possible appellate issues are addressed, the Court hereby removes former counsel, **Ralph Hunstein**, as the attorney of record.

Henceforth, the attorney designated below shall represent the person and the appointment shall remain in effect through all courts in the circuit until the case is completed or another attorney is appointed by the Court or retained.

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SO ORDERED this 27 day May, 2015.


Warren Davis, Judge
Gwinnett Superior Court