

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OCTOBER TERM 2017

No. _____

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH

vs.

The City of Columbia, South Carolina

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF *CERTIORARI* TO THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

MOTION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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Petitioner seeks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of *certiorari* without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner was recently previously granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s): *inter alia*: (1) the Supreme Court of South Carolina in that I was found indigent and appointed appellate defense counsel; (2) Richland County's Court of Common Pleas; and (3) the City of Columbia's Municipal Court.

Signature 

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

I, Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH, 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. I am neither married nor expect to be married in the next 12 months.

So, all questions about spouse have been deleted as they are inapplicable to me.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months	Amount expected next month
a) Employment	\$ NONE	None
b) Self-employment	\$ NONE	None
c) Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ NONE	None
d) Interest and dividends	\$ NONE	None
e) Gifts	\$ NONE	None
f) Alimony	\$ NONE	None
g) Child Support	\$ NONE	None
h) Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ NONE	None
i) Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ NONE	None
j) Unemployment payments	\$ NONE	None
k) Public assistance (such as welfare)	\$ Only appointed counsel for proceedings before SC's trial and appellate courts and Compassionate Care for Hospitalization	

l) Other (specify): \$ My mother used to fully support me before this ordeal started. Now, my sisters cover my subsistence expenses; but it is also considered loans and not income.

m) Total monthly income: \$ None other than the loans from my family, which loans are not income and are on a reasonable as-needed basis; but there is a limit to how long they can continue in the future.

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first.

(Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

\$ NONE

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.)

N/A

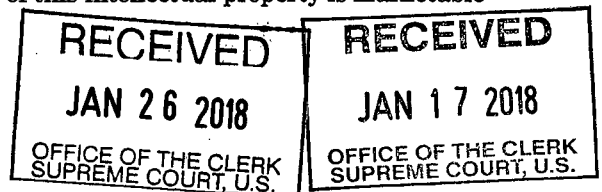
4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? I have under \$500.00 in my checking account and I carry about thirty dollars for emergencies.

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution. N/A

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns.

Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

I have a lot of intellectual property; but none of this intellectual property is marketable



at this time nor is it expected to be marketable within the next twelve months.

Home Value

Nothing to be listed in response to this question.

Other real estate I co-own with my mother a 0.08-acre lot of vacant land. It is tax-estimated at two thousand dollars; so, my half would be \$1,000.00.

Motor Vehicle #1 Year, make & model 1994 Toyota Camry.

Other assets Description Intellectual property described above.

Value Cannot presently set a dollar value on it.

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

NONE adjudicated at this time.

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.

NONE

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.

As indicated above, I am not married and spousal information does not apply. Otherwise, my monthly rent is \$700.00 and my total other monthly expenses average \$500.00 both of which are covered by loans from my sisters.

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

I certainly hope the remaining false convictions against me would be reversed as soon as possible so I can build the house I invented for my mother and me.

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? If, “this case” means this *petition for a writ of certiorari*, the answer is NO. If “this case” means the underlying criminal charge, my family has paid fines and appeal bonds for me.

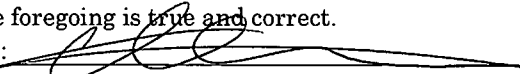
11. Have you paid – or will you be paying – anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

Yes, some of the transcripts were paid by South Carolina’s Office of Indigent Defense, but some of them have been paid by me and I am seeking reimbursement. I have also paid to copy cases and statutes and to print and mail the application for extension and this petition and form,

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

Since my false arrest on 2 December 2009, I have had to spend every waking hour in my defense against the false charges. I do not have any time to work, generate income, or even get urgently-needed health care. Although I am very highly educated and diligent, this fate that has befallen me renders me destitute. My family has so far spent about two-hundred thousand dollars to keep me alive and sheltered during this ordeal. I owe them that amount and also they cannot keep spending on me.

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

Executed on: 12 January 2018 . Signature: 

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Marie Assaad-Faltas, MD, MPH, respectfully certify that I served a copy of the above motion and affidavit on Friday 12 January 2018 by postage-prepaid first-class U.S. mail properly addressed to the City of Columbia’s Attorney’s Office or by hand-delivery to her office on Tuesday, 16 January 2018, (Monday, 15 January 2018, being a national holiday) all God so willing.

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