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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ERNEST WHITFIELD,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA

Respondent

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MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner, through appointed counsel, respectfully moves to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”), pursuant to Rule 39, in connection with his filing of a petition for a writ of certiorari. Petitioner is an indigent prisoner on Florida’s death row. Petitioner was previously granted IFP status by the Florida’s state and federal courts. Petitioner has been granted IFP status in the state courts since June 21, 1995, by the Sarasota County Circuit Court. Undersigned counsel was appointed by the United States District Court-Middle District under 18 U.S.C. §3599 on August 3, 2012, after prior appointed counsel withdrew. The Office of the Capital Collateral Regional Counsel- Middle Region, were appointed to represent Petitioner under Fla. Stat. §§27.701-27.715 for the first time in December 7, 2001 and reaffirmed by the Sarasota County Circuit Court on May 31, 2016 . Undersigned counsel serves as

Special Assistant Collateral Regional Counsel-Middle District in the state court proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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