

DOCKET NO. _____
IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OCTOBER TERM, 2017

JOSHUA D. NELSON,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA

Respondent.

MOTIN FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

COMES NOW, the Petitioner, **JOSHUA D. NELSON**, by and through undersigned counsel, and moves for leave of this Court to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this proceeding. Petitioner has been found indigent by each state and federal court in which he has challenged this conviction and sentence and has been permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* before each of those courts: the Florida Supreme Court; the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Lee County, Florida; the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida; and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

The state circuit court appointed registry counsel for Mr. Nelson, pursuant to Florida Statute § 27.710, and undersigned agreed to serve as designated counsel in accordance with the statute.

Pursuant to the Court's Rule 39, counsel respectfully requests Mr. Nelson be allowed to proceed **in forma pauperis**.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing motion has been furnished by United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, to all counsel of record on June 8, 2018.

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