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No: 24-5318
Originating Case No: 1:20-CU-01281-STA-jay

IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JOHN MICHAEL STITTS— PETITIONER

VS.

BRIAN ELLER, WARDEN — RESPONDENT

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

[ ] Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

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[ ] Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any court.

[X] Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

[ ] Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is not attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

[ ] The appointment was made under the following provision of law;
_____: or

[ ] A copy of the order of appointment is appended.

Michael Stitts
(Signature)

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

I, John Michael Stitts, 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 therefore: 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, or semiannually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	**Average monthly amount during The past 12 months**		**Amount expected next month**	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	$60.00	$ 0	$60.00	$ 0
Self-employment	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Income from real property (such as rental income)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Interest and dividends	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Gifts	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Alimony	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Child Support	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Retirement (such as social Security, pensions, Annuities, insurance)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Disability (such as social Security, insurance payments)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Unemployment payments	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Public-assistance (such as welfare)0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Other (specify):_____	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$
Total monthly income:	$60.00	$ 0	$60.00	$ 0

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
TDOC	5249 HWY 67 W	2015-2024	$60.00
n/a	n/a	n/a	$ n/a
n/a	n/a	n/a	$ n/a

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.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
n/a	n/a	n/a	$ n/a
n/a	n/a	n/a	$ n/a
n/a	n/a	n/a	$ n/a

4. How much money do you and your spouse have? $ 0.00
Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial institution	Type of Account	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
0	0	$ 0	$ 0
0	0	$ 0	$ 0
0	0	$ 0	$ 0

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings

☐ Home
Value 0

☐ Other real estate
Value 0

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model n/a
Value 0

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model n/a
Value 0

☐ Other assets
Description None
Value 0

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

Person owing you or Your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
none	$ 0	$ 0
none	$ 0	$ 0
none	$ 0	$ 0

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

Name	Relationship	Age
none	n/a	n/a
none	n/a	n/a
none	n/a	n/a

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.

	You	Your Spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rental for mobile home)	$ 0	$ 0
Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, Water, sewer, and telephone)	$ 0	$ 0
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	$ 0	$ 0
Food	$ 40.00	$ 0
Clothing	$ 0	$ 0
Laundry and dry-cleaning	$ 0	$ 0
Medical and dental expenses	$ 20.00	$ 0

	You	Your Spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payment)	$ 0	$ 0
Recreation, entertainment, newspaper. magazines, etc.	$ 0	$ 0
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	$ 0	$ 0
Life	$ 0	$ 0
Health	$ 0	$ 0
Motor vehicle	$ 0	$ 0
Other: n/a	$ 0	$ 0
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): n/a	$ 0	$ 0
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	$ 0	$ 0
Credit card(s)	$ 0	$ 0
Department store(s)	$ 0	$ 0
Other:	$ 0	$ 0
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	$ 0	$ 0
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, Or farm (attach detailed statement)	$ 0	$ 0
Other (specify):	$ 0	$ 0
Total monthly expenses:	$ 60.00	$

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

☐ Yes ☐ No X If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

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? ☐ Yes ☐ No X

If yes, how much? 0

If yes, state the attorney's name. address, and telephone number:

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 ☐ No X

If yes, how much? 0

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case. I have been a prisoner in the Tennessee Department of Corrections since 2017.
13. State the address of your legal residence.

Northeast Correctional Complex, 5249 Hwy 67 West, Mountain City, TN . 37683-5000

Your daytime phone number: (n/a) _____

Your Age: 52 Your years of schooling: 10

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 10th day of December, 2024.

Michael John Stitts
Michael John Stitts #213173

My commission expires 8/28/28.

Katie Yearian
Notary

Executed on: December 10th, 2024

KATIE YEARIAN
STATE OF TENNESSEE NOTARY PUBLIC
COUNTY OF CARTER