

**Docket No. 25-**

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

	X
TYRONE WOODSON,	:
Petitioner,	:
	:
v.	:
STATE OF FLORIDA.	:
Respondent.	:
	X

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

**COMES NOW**, Petitioner, Tyrone Woodson, by and through undersigned counsel, moves this Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and in support of this request, shows as follows:

1. Pursuant to Rule 39.1, a party seeking to proceed *in forma pauperis* must file with this motion a notarized affidavit in support or, if the court below appointed counsel for an indigent party, a copy of the order of the lower court's order of appointment. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the Nov. 19, 2021, order of the Circuit Court of Florida's 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit declaring Petitioner indigent and appointing the undersigned to represent the Petitioner for trial-level proceedings. Attached as Exhibit 2 is a copy of the of the Circuit Court of Florida's 17<sup>th</sup>

Judicial Circuit appointing the undersigned to represent the Petitioner for purposes of appeal.

2. Petitioner was adjudged indigent for the purposes of trial and appeal and the undersigned was appointed to represent him.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that he be permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 5, 2025

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### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE AND SERVICE**

I, Joseph A. DiRuzzo, III, a member of the bar of this Court, hereby certify that on this day of April 5, 2025, a copy of this motion was served, via electronic transmission, to Paul Patti, III, Assistant Attorney General, counsel for Respondent, at [crimapptlh@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:crimapptlh@myfloridalegal.com), and that all parties required to be served have been served.

/s/ Joseph A. DiRuzzo, III  
Joseph A. DiRuzzo, III

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

EXHIBIT

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Case Number:

20-4993CF10A

Division:

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STATE OF FLORIDA

v.

Tyrone Woodson

**ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL  
FOR AN INDIGENT DEFENDANT**

THIS MATTER IS before the Court for appointment of counsel for an indigent defendant. The defendant, Tyrone Woodson, has complied with the legal requirements to be determined indigent by ☐ the Clerk of Court / ☐ the Court. It is therefore

ORDERED as follows:

1. ☐ The Public Defender is appointed to represent the defendant. The Public Defender may designate an Assistant Public Defender as counsel for the defendant. **OR**

☐ The Criminal and Civil Regional Counsel for the Fourth District is appointed to represent the defendant because:

☐ the Public Defender is precluded by law from representing the defendant.

☐ the Public Defender has filed a motion to withdraw and an order granting the withdrawal was entered by the court.

The Criminal and Civil Regional Counsel may designate an Assistant Criminal and Civil Regional Counsel as counsel for the defendant. **OR**

☒ Joseph Diruzzo III is appointed as private court appointed counsel to represent the defendant because:

☐ the Public Defender is precluded by law from representing the defendant.

☒ the Public Defender has filed a motion to withdraw and an order granting the withdrawal was entered by the court.

☒ Criminal and Civil Regional Counsel is precluded by law from representing the defendant.

☐ Criminal and Civil Regional Counsel has filed a motion to withdraw and an order granting the withdrawal was entered by the court.

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Tyrone Woodson  
20-49930F10A

2. The type of case appointed is as follows:

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Postconviction      | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - 1st Degree Murder<br>(Lead Counsel)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - 1st Degree Murder<br>(Co-Counsel a/k/a Second Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extradition         | <input type="checkbox"/> Felony - Life                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Felony - PBL<br>(death penalty waived)                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Felony - 1st Degree | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony - 2nd Degree                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Felony - 3rd Degree  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Felony - Appeals    | <input type="checkbox"/> Violation of Probation - Felony<br>(includes VOCC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Appeal   |

3. The selection of the name of private court appointed counsel for the defendant by the Clerk of Court from the Registry is: ☒ in rotating order / ☐ not in rotating order because \_\_\_\_\_

DONE AND ORDERED at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida,

☒ this 19 day of Nov, 20 21

☐ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ nunc pro tunc to \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara McCarthy  
Circuit Judge

Barbara McCarthy  
Printed Name of Circuit Judge

Joseph Diruzzo III  
Name of Attorney

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Original (WHITE) - Clerk

YELLOW - Public Defender / Regional Counsel / Private Court Appointed Attorney

PINK - Defendant

EXHIBIT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA.	:	X	Case No. 20-4993CF10A
Plaintiff,	:		Judge: F. Ledee
v.	:		
TYRONE WOODSON,	:		Re: 4 <sup>th</sup> DCA case no. 4D2023-
2481	:		
Defendant.	:		
	:	X	

**ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL**

**AND NOW**, upon the October 22, 2024, motion of the Defendant/Appellant to appoint Joseph A. DiRuzzo, III, Esq. as counsel of record, *nunc pro tunc* to October 13, 2023, the premises being considered said motion is hereby **GRANTED**. Joseph A. DiRuzzo, III, Esq. is hereby appointed to represent the Defendant/Appellant in connection with his appeal pending before the 4<sup>th</sup> DCA (case no. 4D2023-2481) *nunc pro tunc* to October 13, 2023.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 23  
day of October, 2024



FRANK LEDEE  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Copies Furnished:  
Attorney for Defendant  
Office of the State Attorney