

IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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TERRY PITCHFORD,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

BURL CAIN, COMMISSIONER,  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ET AL.,  
*Respondents.*

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On Writ of Certiorari to the United States  
Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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**BRIEF FOR RESPONDENTS**

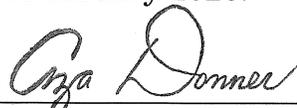
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of February 2026.



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District of Columbia

My commission expires April 30, 2029.

