

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

DANIEL RUTHERFORD,
Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES,
Respondent.

JOHNNIE MARKEL CARTER,
Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES,
Respondent.

**On Writs of Certiorari
to the United States Court of Appeals
for the Third Circuit**

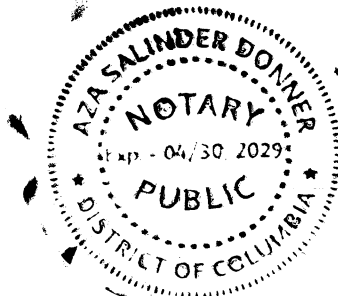
**BRIEF OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FEDERAL DEFENDERS AS AMICUS CURIAE IN
SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS**

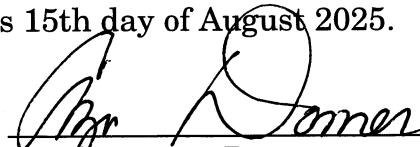
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