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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CHRISTOPHER E. BARNES,
PETITIONER-APPELLANT,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
RESPONDENT-APPELLEE.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Christopher E. Barnes, and, pursuant to Sup. Ct. Rule 39 moves for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

1) United States District Court Magistrate Judge Charles H. Weigle determined Mr. Barnes was indigent on March 7, 2023, and appointed the Federal Defenders of the Middle District of Georgia, Inc., to represent Mr. Barnes under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. The Federal Defenders of the Middle District Georgia, Inc., also represented Mr. Barnes before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

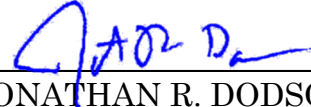
2) Mr. Barnes remains indigent and wishes to pursue a writ of *certiorari* from this Court to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, which affirmed, in an unpublished opinion, Mr. Barnes's judgment on October 28, 2024.

3) As the District Court for the Middle District of Georgia and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit appointed counsel for Mr. Barnes, an indigent party, no affidavit or declaration by Mr. Barnes is required pursuant to Sup. Ct. Rule 39(1).

WHEREFORE, Mr. Barnes, through undersigned counsel, request that this Honorable Court allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis* and that the Office of the Federal Defenders of the Middle District of Georgia, Inc., continue to represent him.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



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