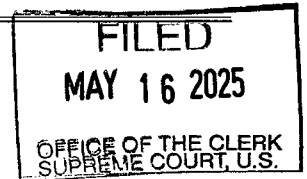


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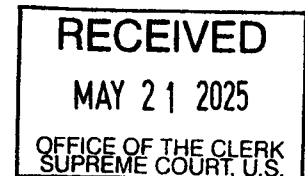
vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner, Michael Blake DeFrance, asks leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari, without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis. Petitioner has been granted leave to so proceed in both the United States District Court for the District of Montana and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. No affidavit is attached inasmuch as the United States District Court appointed counsel for Petitioner under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964.



DATED this 16th day of May, 2025.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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