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ROBERT W. HASSETT, 3<sup>RD</sup>. — PETITIONER

vs.

STATE OF DELAWARE — RESPONDENT(S)

**AFFIDAVIT TO ACCOMPANYING MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO PROCEED IN  
FORMA PAUPERIS.**

Instructions

Affidavit in Support of Motion

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that, because of my poverty, I cannot prepay the docket fees of my appeal or post a bond for them. I believe I am entitled to redress. I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury under United States laws that my answers on this form are true and correct. (28 U.S.C. § 1746; 18 U.S.C. § 1621.)

Complete all questions in this application and then sign it. Do not leave any blanks: if the answer to a question is "0", "none", or "not applicable (N/A)", write that response. If you need more space to answer, attach a separate sheet of paper identified with your name, your case's docket number, and the question number.

Signed:

Robert W. Hassett

Date: 8/4/2025

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s): Delaware Superior Court; Delaware Supreme Court; United States District Court 3<sup>rd</sup>. Circuit; United States Supreme Court

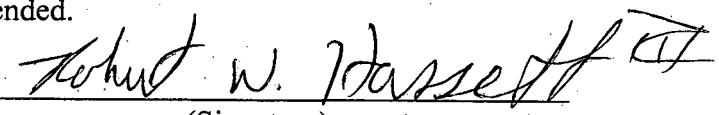
Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

The appointment was made under the following provision of law: \_\_\_\_\_, or

a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

  
(Signature)

**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION  
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, Robert W. Hassett, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

<b>Income source</b>	<b>Average monthly amount during the past 12 months</b>	<b>Amount expected next month</b>
Employment	\$275.00	\$0.00
Self-employment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest and dividends	\$0.60	\$0.50
Gifts	\$35.00	\$35.00
Alimony	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Support	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities,	\$0.00	\$0.00

insurance)

Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unemployment payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public assistance (such as welfare)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (specify): N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total monthly income:</b>	<b>\$310.60</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$310.60</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Dates of Employment</b>	<b>Gross monthly pay</b>
James T. Vaughn Correctional Center	1181 Paddock Road, Smyrna, DE 19977	4/16/2016 - Present	\$275.00
			\$
			\$

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Dates of Employment</b>	<b>Gross monthly pay</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0.00
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$0.00

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

<b>Type of Account (e.g., checking or savings)</b>	<b>Amount you have</b>	<b>Amount your spouse has</b>
Savings	\$276.00	\$0.00
Savings	\$50.00	\$0.00
	\$	\$

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

Home  
Value

Other real estate  
Value

Motor Vehicle #1  
Year, make & model  
Value

Motor Vehicle #2  
Year, make & model  
Value

Other assets  
Description  
Value

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name	Relationship	Age
N/A	N/A	N/A

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$50.00	\$0.00
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food	\$175.00	\$0.00
Clothing	\$35.00	\$0.00
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$0.00	\$0.00

### Medical and dental expenses

\$0.00

\$0.00

	<b>You</b>	<b>Your spouse</b>
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$50.00	\$0.00
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowners or renter's	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Health	\$0.00	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other: N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$0.00
Credit card(s)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Department store(s)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other: N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$0.00	\$0.00
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attached detailed statement)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (specify): N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total monthly expenses:</b>	<b>\$310.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

Yes  No If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?  Yes  No

If yes, how much? N/A

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number: N/A

11. Have you paid—or will you be paying—anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

Yes  No

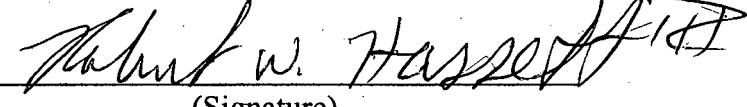
If yes, how much? N/A

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number: N/A

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.: With the current rise of the price of living it is becoming harder to be able to even provide for myself as I have to eat a special diet that the prison does not meet completely causing me to have to subsidize with commissary food on a limited income of \$0.55 an hour pay. As well provide for my hygiene. And, I am the only person to pay for the use of the telephone and communication of the tablets text messaging app., to talk with my family as they are on social sercuity and other assisted living.

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

Executed on: August 4, 2025

  
(Signature)

**JAMES T VAUGHN CORRECTIONAL CENTER**  
**SUPPORT SERVICES OFFICE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Hassett Robert SBI #: 00337363

FROM: JTVCC Support Services/Business Office- Inmate Accounts

RE: 6 month / Average Daily Balance Statement

DATE: July 28, 2025

Attached are copies of your inmate account statements for the months of

January 2025 to June 2025

Average daily balance/ 6 months: \$134.66

**Department of Correction Certified Statement**

I hereby certify that the appellant named herein has the sum of \$0.04 on account to the appellant's credit at the institution where the appellant is confined. I further certify that the appellant has the following securities to the appellant's credit according to the institution's records: N/A

Karen Harley 7/28/2025  
Designee/Date

Attachments  
Cc: File

Jennie Ann Kinsey  
Notary/Date 7/28/2025

**JENNIE ANN KINSEY  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF DELAWARE**  
My Commission Expires Upon Office

# Delaware Department of Correction

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## Inmate Account Statement

Location: JTVCC

Period From: 01/01/2025 To 07/28/2025

Account # : 00337363

Name: HASSETT ROBERT W 3

Current Location / Housing: JTVCC / Bldg S1 Tier G

As of 01/01/2025 Opening Balance: \$202.20 As of 01/01/2025 Opening Available Balance\*: \$202.20

Transaction#	Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Check# / Money Order#	Debit	Credit	Hold Amount	Available Balance	Memo, From/To
4141614	01/01/2025	Court Filing Payment	209253	\$34.71		\$0.00	\$167.49	24-933 (CFC),US District Court
4143402	01/03/2025	Commissary	208893	\$84.70		\$0.00	\$82.79	STATE OF DELAWARE
4148794	01/08/2025	Wages-Facility Maintenance			\$143.00	\$0.00	\$225.79	
4151017	01/10/2025	Commissary	209024	\$83.64		\$0.00	\$142.15	STATE OF DELAWARE
4152518	01/13/2025	Web Payment Credit Card(GTL)	8890		\$20.00	\$0.00	\$162.15	Aaron Angela
4153480	01/13/2025	Pay-To		\$40.00		\$0.00	\$122.15	Smith Christina
4157486	01/17/2025	Commissary	209139	\$66.18		\$0.00	\$55.97	STATE OF DELAWARE
4162163	01/23/2025	Money Order(GTL)			\$35.00	\$0.00	\$90.97	RODRIGUEZ ELEUTERIO
4163170	01/24/2025	Commissary	209242	\$30.36		\$0.00	\$60.61	STATE OF DELAWARE
4167244	01/29/2025	GTL Tablets	209240	\$10.00		\$0.00	\$50.61	GTL
4167978	01/30/2025	Web Payment Credit Card(GTL)	8890		\$20.00	\$0.00	\$70.61	Aaron Angela
4168996	01/31/2025	Commissary	209355	\$50.44		\$0.00	\$20.17	STATE OF DELAWARE
4172018	02/04/2025	Web Payment Credit Card(GTL)	1249		\$20.00	\$0.00	\$40.17	Aaron Angela
4175950	02/07/2025	Commissary	209459	\$38.70		\$0.00	\$1.47	STATE OF DELAWARE
4178396	02/10/2025	Wages-Facility Maintenance			\$167.20	\$0.00	\$168.67	
4180122	02/11/2025	Pay-To		\$30.00		\$0.00	\$138.67	Smith Christina
4181297	02/12/2025	Web Payment Credit Card(GTL)	8890		\$20.00	\$0.00	\$158.67	Aaron Angela
4183782	02/14/2025	Commissary	209595	\$108.41		\$0.00	\$50.26	STATE OF DELAWARE
4187780	02/19/2025	Mail Money Order	1062276		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$150.26	ALLY BANK
4189377	02/21/2025	Money Order(GTL)			\$40.00	\$0.00	\$190.26	ANGELINI ROB
4189864	02/21/2025	Commissary	209677	\$20.27		\$0.00	\$169.99	STATE OF DELAWARE
4196385	02/28/2025	Commissary	209799	\$34.06		\$0.00	\$135.93	STATE OF DELAWARE
4203935	03/07/2025	Commissary	209985	\$44.51		\$0.00	\$91.42	STATE OF DELAWARE
4205585	03/07/2025	Wages-Facility Maintenance			\$266.20	\$0.00	\$357.62	
4209934	03/12/2025	Postage	209988	\$1.25		\$0.00	\$356.37	3/4/25,STATE OF DELAWARE
4209936	03/12/2025	Postage	209988	\$1.25		\$0.00	\$355.12	3/4/25,STATE OF DELAWARE
4210077	03/12/2025	Pay-To		\$47.00		\$0.00	\$308.12	Smith Christina
4211762	03/14/2025	Money Order(GTL)			\$35.00	\$0.00	\$343.12	RODRIGUEZ ELEUTERIO
4212116	03/14/2025	Commissary	210148	\$85.37		\$0.00	\$257.75	STATE OF DELAWARE
4217015	03/19/2025	Pay-To	210116	\$50.00		\$0.00	\$207.75	Final court payment 24-933,US District Court
4218058	03/20/2025	Pay-To	208466		\$20.00	\$0.00	\$227.75	VOID CK#208466 STALE
4218543	03/21/2025	Commissary	210243	\$29.57		\$0.00	\$198.18	STATE OF DELAWARE
4225576	03/28/2025	Commissary	210359	\$9.60		\$0.00	\$188.58	STATE OF DELAWARE

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4227563	03/31/2025	Tattoo Program	210367	\$150.00		\$0.00	\$38.58	TATTOO,STATE OF DELAWARE
4227646	03/31/2025	Pay-To	210288	\$20.00		\$0.00	\$18.58	Smith Christina
4231831	04/04/2025	Commissary	210489	\$9.34		\$0.00	\$9.24	STATE OF DELAWARE
4236453	04/08/2025	Wages-Facility Maintenance			\$308.00	\$0.00	\$317.24	
4239680	04/11/2025	Commissary	210652	\$49.18		\$0.00	\$268.06	STATE OF DELAWARE
4242022	04/14/2025	Pay-To	208966		\$40.00	\$0.00	\$308.06	VOID CK#208966 STALE
4242409	04/14/2025	Pay-To	210567	\$40.00		\$0.00	\$268.06	CHRISTINA SMITH
4247525	04/21/2025	Commissary	210747	\$60.09		\$0.00	\$207.97	STATE OF DELAWARE
4248813	04/21/2025	Pay-To	210694	\$40.00		\$0.00	\$167.97	Smith Christina
4250369	04/23/2025	Postage	210748	\$3.71		\$0.00	\$164.26	4/14/25,STATE OF DELAWARE
4250370	04/23/2025	Postage	210748	\$3.71		\$0.00	\$160.55	4/14/25,STATE OF DELAWARE
4251125	04/23/2025	Tattoo Program	210754	\$150.00		\$0.00	\$10.55	TATTOO,STATE OF DELAWARE
4252398	04/25/2025	Mobile Credit Card(GTL)	8426		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$110.55	Smith Christina
4257364	05/01/2025	Commissary	210917	\$98.03		\$0.00	\$12.52	STATE OF DELAWARE
4263861	05/06/2025	Postage	210918	\$4.01		\$0.00	\$8.51	4/28/25,STATE OF DELAWARE
4265381	05/08/2025	Commissary	211072	\$6.30		\$0.00	\$2.21	STATE OF DELAWARE
4266912	05/08/2025	Wages-Facility Maintenance			\$279.40	\$0.00	\$281.61	
4270159	05/12/2025	Pay-To	209448		\$30.00	\$0.00	\$311.61	STALE CK#209448
4272022	05/13/2025	Pay-To	211044	\$146.00		\$0.00	\$165.61	Smith Christina
4274458	05/15/2025	Commissary	211200	\$74.60		\$0.00	\$91.01	STATE OF DELAWARE
4275719	05/16/2025	Money Order(GTL)			\$40.00	\$0.00	\$131.01	ANGELINI ROB
4278144	05/19/2025	Pay-To	211153	\$30.00		\$0.00	\$101.01	Smith Christina
4278149	05/19/2025	Pay-To	211157	\$10.00		\$0.00	\$91.01	ALLY BANK
4279867	05/20/2025	Phone Time	211185	\$15.00		\$0.00	\$76.01	GTL
4280063	05/20/2025	Postage	211202	\$2.31		\$0.00	\$73.70	5/12/25,STATE OF DELAWARE
4281691	05/22/2025	Money Order(GTL)			\$35.00	\$0.00	\$108.70	RODRIGUEZ ELEUTERIO
4282562	05/22/2025	Commissary	211329	\$34.22		\$0.00	\$74.48	STATE OF DELAWARE
4286953	05/27/2025	Postage	211330	\$0.69		\$0.00	\$73.79	5/19/25,STATE OF DELAWARE
4286954	05/27/2025	Postage	211330	\$0.69		\$0.00	\$73.10	5/19/25,STATE OF DELAWARE
4291209	05/30/2025	Commissary	211445	\$17.24		\$0.00	\$55.86	STATE OF DELAWARE
4292034	06/02/2025	Mobile Credit Card(GTL)	8426		\$35.00	\$0.00	\$90.86	Smith Christina
4296216	06/04/2025	Wages-Art Sale	V#08316516		\$38.50	\$0.00	\$129.36	AMERICAN FLAG
4298585	06/05/2025	Keefe Store Purchase	211538	\$90.68		\$0.00	\$38.68	Commissary Order 19755,STATE OF DELAWARE
4303757	06/09/2025	Wages-Facility Maintenance			\$292.60	\$0.00	\$331.28	
4305876	06/10/2025	Pay-To	209981		\$47.00	\$0.00	\$378.28	STALE CK#209981
4307160	06/11/2025	Pay-To	211546	\$10.00		\$0.00	\$368.28	STEPPING

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								STONES,HASSETT ROBERT
4307161	06/11/2025	Pay-To	211547	\$60.00		\$0.00	\$308.28	Smith Christina
4308536	06/12/2025	Keefe Store Purchase	211679	\$137.88		\$0.00	\$170.40	Commissary Order 30527,STATE OF DELAWARE
4309158	06/12/2025	Keefe Store Purchase	211679	\$52.04		\$0.00	\$118.36	Commissary Order 30523,STATE OF DELAWARE
4313411	06/16/2025	Pay-To	211604	\$47.00		\$0.00	\$71.36	Smith Christina
4315607	06/17/2025	Keefe Store Purchase			\$18.61	\$0.00	\$89.97	Commissary Refund 18834,STATE OF DELAWARE
4316503	06/18/2025	Phone Time	211658	\$10.00		\$0.00	\$79.97	GTL
4318418	06/19/2025	Keefe Store Purchase	211771	\$26.50		\$0.00	\$53.47	Commissary Order 40516,STATE OF DELAWARE
4318896	06/19/2025	Keefe Store Purchase	211771	\$15.33		\$0.00	\$38.14	Commissary Order 42136,STATE OF DELAWARE
4325516	06/26/2025	Web Payment Credit Card(GTL)	3988		\$200.00	\$0.00	\$238.14	White Corrine
4326613	06/26/2025	Keefe Store Purchase	211839	\$48.90		\$0.00	\$189.24	Commissary Order 47050,STATE OF DELAWARE
4333228	07/02/2025	Keefe Store Purchase	211839	\$38.12		\$0.00	\$151.12	Commissary Order 54194,STATE OF DELAWARE
4337932	07/07/2025	Money Order(GTL)			\$20.00	\$0.00	\$171.12	ANGELINI ROB
4342790	07/10/2025	Keefe Store Purchase	212059	\$130.85		\$0.00	\$40.27	Commissary Order 62306,STATE OF DELAWARE
4344109	07/10/2025	Keefe Store Purchase	212059	\$10.00		\$0.00	\$30.27	Commissary Order 68174,STATE OF DELAWARE
4345889	07/11/2025	Wages-Facility Maintenance			\$275.00	\$0.00	\$305.27	
4347271	07/14/2025	Mobile Credit Card(GTL)	2735		\$30.00	\$0.00	\$335.27	Smith Barmeta
4348124	07/14/2025	Tattoo Program			\$25.00		\$310.27	TATTOO PROGRAM,STATE OF DELAWARE
4348269	07/14/2025	Pay-To	212029	\$60.00		\$0.00	\$250.27	Smith Christina
4348272	07/14/2025	Pay-To	212031	\$75.00		\$0.00	\$175.27	ALLY BANK
4349986	07/15/2025	Tattoo Program			\$25.00	\$0.00	\$200.27	Incomplete package,STATE OF DELAWARE
4351018	07/16/2025	Commissary	212103	\$18.00		\$0.00	\$182.27	STATE OF DELAWARE
4351719	07/17/2025	Keefe Store Purchase	212164	\$21.86		\$0.00	\$160.41	Commissary Order 70743,STATE OF DELAWARE
4352903	07/17/2025	Keefe Store Purchase	212164	\$8.55		\$0.00	\$151.86	Commissary Order 71886,STATE OF DELAWARE
4354111	07/18/2025	Money Order(GTL)			\$35.00	\$0.00	\$186.86	RODRIGUEZ ELEUTERIO
4359115	07/23/2025	Tattoo Program			\$25.00		\$161.86	TATTOO PROGRAM,STATE OF DELAWARE
4359125	07/23/2025	Tattoo Program			\$125.00		\$36.86	TATTOO PROGRAM,STATE OF DELAWARE

**Delaware Department of Correction**  
**Inmate Account Statement**

Location: JTVCC  
Period From: 01/01/2025 To 07/28/2025

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4359151	07/23/2025	Postage	212188	\$9.45		\$0.00	\$27.41	7/20/25, STATE OF DELAWARE
4359152	07/23/2025	Postage	212188	\$9.45		\$0.00	\$17.96	7/20/25, STATE OF DELAWARE
4360218	07/24/2025	Keefe Store Purchase		\$17.92		\$0.00	\$0.04	Commissary Order 77782, STATE OF DELAWARE

Total: **\$2937.67** **\$2735.51**

As of 07/28/2025 Current Balance: **\$0.04** Available Balance\*: **\$0.04**

Total Amount on Hold As of 07/28/2025:	Facility	Medical Copay	Legal	Restitution	Indigent	Room and Board	Others	Court Fees
	JTVCC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	SCI	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00