

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

KENDRICK JARRELL BEAIRD,
Petitioner,
v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent.

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

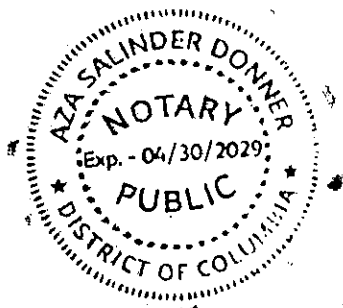
**BRIEF OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF FEDERAL DEFENDERS AS *AMICUS CURIAE*
IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS**

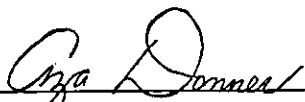
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