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IN THE  
**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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DAQUON ROLLO CORROTHERS,

*Petitioner*

v.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

*Respondent*

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

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Petitioner, Daquon Rollo Corrothers, by and through his undersigned counsel, asks leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the North Carolina Court of Appeals without prepayment of fees and costs, and to proceed *in forma pauperis*, pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of this Court.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-451, the courts below appointed counsel for Mr. Corrothers, who is indigent. The document demonstrating appointment of counsel is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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Respectfully submitted this 26th day of August, 2025.



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# **EXHIBIT A**

## **APPOINTMENT OF APPELLATE COUNSEL BY THE APPELLATE DEFENDER**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
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 DAQUON ROLLO CORROTHERS )  
 20 CRS 50435 )  
 20 CRS 404 )  
 Columbus County )

Defendant having been convicted of a criminal offense in this action and having given notice of appeal to the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and the Trial Court having appointed the Appellate Defender as appellate counsel for the defendant, the Appellate Defender appoints the attorney named below as appellate counsel to perfect defendant's appeal, pursuant to IDS Rules, Part 3. A copy of the Court's Appellate Entries is attached to the copy of this Appointment Notice that has been transmitted to the appointed appellate counsel. The original of this Appointment Notice has been mailed to the Clerk of Superior Court for filing.

**Appointed Appellate Counsel:** **Andrew Hartley Nelson**  
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This the 13th day of December, 2022.

  
Glenn Gerding  
Appellate Defender

In addition to the appointed appellate counsel named above, the Office of the Appellate Defender has provided a copy of this Appointment Notice to all parties as listed on the Appellate Entries, including the defendant and the court reporter(s).

**ATTENTION CLERK OF COURT:** File this Appointment Notice in your office. Please mail a copy of the complete court file(s), including any documentary exhibits, to Mr. Nelson.