

No. 25-5781

ORIGINAL

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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SUPREME COURT, U.S.

Michael W. Cobbs — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

United States of America — RESPONDENT(S)

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):


☒ 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: I wish to
pro-se before The United States Supreme Court., 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, Michael W. Cobbs, 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.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Self-employment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Interest and dividends	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Gifts	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Alimony	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Child Support	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unemployment payments	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify): 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total monthly income:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

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

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
FCI Yazoo	P.O. Box 5000 Yazoo City, MS 39194	May 2025 - August 2025	\$ 60.00
			\$
			\$

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.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
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.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
N/A	\$ 0.00	\$ 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 \$ 0.00

☐ Other real estate
Value \$ 0.00

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model \$ 0.00
Value

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model \$ 0.00
Value

☐ Other assets
Description \$ 0.00
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

N/A

Amount owed to you

\$ 0

\$ 0

\$ 0

Amount owed to your spouse

\$ 0

\$ 0

\$ 0

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

\$ 0

Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,
water, sewer, and telephone)

\$ 0

\$ 0

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ 0

\$ 0

Food

\$ 0

\$ 0

Clothing

\$ 0

\$ 0

Laundry and dry-cleaning

\$ 0

\$ 0

Medical and dental expenses

\$ 0

\$ 0

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ 0	\$ 0
Life	\$ 0	\$ 0
Health	\$ 0	\$ 0
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ 0
Credit card(s)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Department store(s)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0	\$ 0
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total monthly expenses:	\$ 0	\$ 0

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? _____

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

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? _____

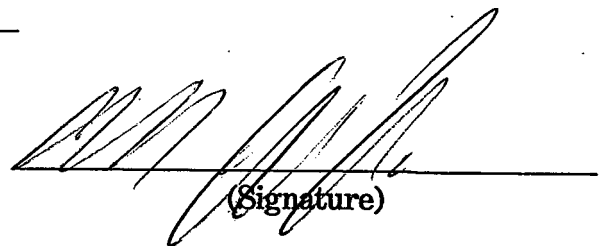
If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

I don't have any money in my account at the moment and I don't have anything close to a court cost coming

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

Executed on: 9/18/23, 20__


(Signature)

Date: 09/18/2025
Time: 01:28:01 PM

Location: YAZ

**Federal Bureau of Prisons
TRULINCS Account Transactions - Commissary
Personal Inmate Information**

Inmate No: 14313026		Inmate Name: COBBS, MICHAEL W		Available Balance: \$0.93
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Date	Reference #	Transaction Type	Sender Last name	Amount
09/18/2025	TL0918	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00
09/18/2025	TL0918	TRUL Withdrawal		\$2.00
09/17/2025	43	Sales		-\$2.50
09/17/2025	42	Sales		\$2.50
09/17/2025	25	Sales		-\$2.00
09/17/2025	24	Sales		-\$77.80
09/16/2025	TL0916	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00
09/16/2025	TL0916	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00
09/14/2025	TL0914	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00
09/12/2025	33325255	Western Union	COBBS	\$50.00
09/10/2025	TL0910	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00
09/10/2025	5IPP0825	Payroll - IPP		\$5.25
09/03/2025	TL0903	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00
09/02/2025	TL0902	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00
09/02/2025	33325245	Western Union	COBBS	\$50.00
09/01/2025	TL0901	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00
08/27/2025	TL0827	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00
08/27/2025	57	Sales		-\$3.00
08/27/2025	56	Sales		-\$65.55

Date: 09/03/2025
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Location: YAZ

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TRULINCS Account Transactions - Commissary
Personal Inmate Information**

Inmate No: 14313026		Inmate Name: COBBS, MICHAEL W		Available Balance: \$50.48	
Date	Reference #	Transaction Type	Sender Last name	Amount	
09/02/2025	TL0902	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
09/02/2025	33325245	Western Union	COBBS	\$50.00	
09/01/2025	TL0901	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
08/27/2025	TL0827	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
08/27/2025	57	Sales		-\$3.00	
08/27/2025	56	Sales		-\$65.55	
08/17/2025	TL0817	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$10.00	
08/15/2025	TL0815	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
08/14/2025	TL0814	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
08/14/2025	TL0814	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
08/12/2025	TL0812	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
08/11/2025	12	Sales		-\$161.00	
08/10/2025	5IPP0725	Payroll - IPP		\$61.60	
08/08/2025	TL0808	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
08/07/2025	TL0807	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	

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08/03/2025	TL0803	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$10.00	
07/31/2025	TL0731	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
07/29/2025	TL0729	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$10.00	
07/29/2025	65	Sales		-\$15.60	
07/24/2025	TL0724	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$10.00	
07/22/2025	TL0722	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
07/19/2025	TL0719	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
07/17/2025	TL0717	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
07/16/2025	10	Sales		-\$170.85	
07/11/2025	1	Sales		-\$5.30	
07/10/2025	5IPP0625	Payroll - IPP		\$105.00	
07/10/2025	5ICP0725	Inmate Co-pay		-\$2.00	

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Date	Reference #	Transaction Type	Sender Last name	Amount	
07/02/2025	33325183	Western Union	WARNER	\$30.00	
07/01/2025	33325182	Western Union	COBBS	\$100.00	
06/30/2025	TL0630	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$30.00	
06/28/2025	33325179	Western Union	MEDFORD	\$150.00	
06/25/2025	TL0625	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$10.00	
06/22/2025	TL0622	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
06/18/2025	TL0618	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
06/18/2025	TL0618	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
06/18/2025	TL0618	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
06/17/2025	TL0617	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
06/15/2025	TL0615	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
06/15/2025	33325166	Western Union	HOLMES	\$30.00	
06/13/2025	TL0613	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
06/11/2025	TL0611	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
06/10/2025	TL0610	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
06/10/2025	11	Sales		-\$55.90	
06/10/2025	33325161	Western Union	COBBS	\$100.00	
06/06/2025	33325157	Western Union	HOLMES	\$50.00	

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Date	Reference #	Transaction Type	Sender Last name	Amount	
05/22/2025	TL0522	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
05/22/2025	TL0522	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
05/21/2025	TL0521	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
05/21/2025	33325141	Western Union	TYLER	\$25.00	
05/19/2025	TL0519	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
05/19/2025	TL0519	TRUL Withdrawal		\$1.40	
05/19/2025	TL0519	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
05/19/2025	TL0519	TRUL Withdrawal		\$1.60	
05/19/2025	18	Sales		-\$114.20	
05/17/2025	TL0517	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
05/16/2025	TL0516	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
05/15/2025	TL0515	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
05/15/2025	33325135	Western Union	COBBS	\$100.00	
05/13/2025	TL0513	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
05/10/2025	TL0510	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
05/09/2025	TL0509	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
05/09/2025	5IPP0425	Payroll - IPP		\$21.00	
05/09/2025	35	Sales		-\$39.85	
05/08/2025	TL0508	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
05/07/2025	TL0507	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
05/07/2025	TL0507	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	

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Date	Reference #	Transaction Type	Sender Last name	Amount	
05/02/2025	TL0502	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
04/29/2025	33425119	Money Gram	WARNER	\$60.00	
04/23/2025	TL0423	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
04/23/2025	16	Sales		-\$36.55	
04/22/2025	TL0422	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
04/20/2025	TL0420	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
04/19/2025	TL0419	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
04/18/2025	TL0418	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
04/17/2025	TL0417	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
04/15/2025	33325105	Western Union	COBBS	\$50.00	
04/14/2025	TL0414	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
04/12/2025	TL0412	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
04/10/2025	TL0410	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
04/10/2025	TL0410	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
04/10/2025	5IPP0325	Payroll - IPP		\$18.36	
04/08/2025	TL0408	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
04/06/2025	TL0406	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	

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Date	Reference #	Transaction Type	Sender Last name	Amount	
04/03/2025	5	Sales		-\$26.50	
03/31/2025	TL0331	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
03/30/2025	TL0330	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
03/28/2025	TL0328	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
03/27/2025	TL0327	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$2.00	
03/24/2025	TL0324	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
03/23/2025	TL0323	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
03/20/2025	TL0320	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
03/18/2025	117	Sales		-\$142.45	
03/18/2025	33325077	Western Union	PRUITT	\$90.00	
03/16/2025	TL0316	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
03/16/2025	33325075	Western Union	COBBS	\$50.00	
03/12/2025	86	Sales		-\$53.00	
03/11/2025	TL0311	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$5.00	
03/10/2025	5IPP0225	Payroll - IPP		\$10.80	
03/10/2025	TL0310	TRUL Withdrawal		\$5.00	
03/08/2025	TL0308	TRUL Withdrawal		-\$10.00	