

No. 25-580  
In the  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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GARY RICHARD WHITTON,  
*Petitioner,*  
v.

RICKY D. DIXON, SECRETARY,  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,  
*Respondent.*

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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

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