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

RICKY JOE BLAND & DANIEL LOCKRIDGE,
Petitioners,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent.

*On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States
Court of Appeals
for the Sixth Circuit*

**Motion for
Leave to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis***

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COME NOW Ricky Joe Bland and Daniel Lockridge, by counsel, and respectfully ask this Court for leave to file the attached petition for *writ of certiorari* without the prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis* in accordance with Rule 39 and in support whereof would show the Court as follows:

1. Petitioners seek review of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit's judgments affirming their convictions from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

2. Below, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee appointed undersigned as trial counsel to Petitioners pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. Likewise the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit appointed undersigned counsel as appellate counsel pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.

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Respectfully submitted,

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