

No.

In the Supreme Court of the United States

**ERICK PIZARRO-MERCADO, a/k/a Chimi,
PETITIONER**

v.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
RESPONDENT**

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS AND
FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

The Petitioner Erick Pizarro-Mercado herein hereby very respectfully requests leave to file the enclosed petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs, to proceed in forma pauperis, and for appointment of counsel.

The Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the following courts: (1) The U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico; and (2) The U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

The Petitioner has previously been assigned counsel under the guidelines of Criminal Justice Act of 1964 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A and as a consequence, no affidavit or declaration in support of this motion has been thereof included pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Based on the Petitioner's indigency and lack of knowledge and experience in legal matters, it is hereby very respectfully requested the appointment of counsel for the professional handling and legal representation during the course of the instant proceedings.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 25th day of August, 2025.

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