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IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States

David Wood Petitioner,

V.

RACHEL PATTON IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY PRO TEM, Respondent.

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner David Wood respectfully seeks leave to file his petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this Court. Petitioner is indigent and was granted *in forma pauperis* status by both courts below, the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Counsel of record for Petitioner was appointed to represent him pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3599. See Sup. Ct. R. 39. For these reasons, Petitioner requests leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

Respectfully submitted,

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