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No. 25-6120

Supreme Court, U.S.
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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

IN RE

STEVEN MICHAEL BACKSTROM — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a habeas corpus 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):

U.S. District Court/Western District/Texas; Fifth Circuit;

U.S. Supreme Court

Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

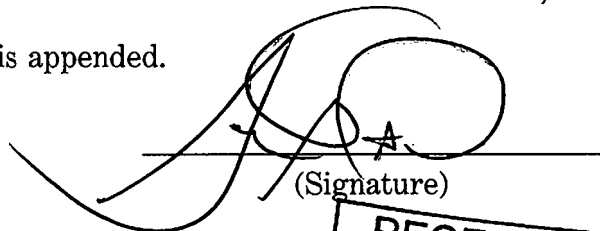
Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

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: _____

_____, or

a copy of the order of appointment is appended.


(Signature)

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**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, Steven M. Backstrom, 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
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
N/A			\$ _____
			\$ _____
			\$ _____

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			\$ _____
			\$ _____
			\$ _____

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ _____ N/A
 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	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

- Home Value _____
- Other real estate Value _____
- Motor Vehicle #1 Year, make & model _____ Value _____
- Motor Vehicle #2 Year, make & model _____ Value _____
- Other assets Description _____ N/A 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	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
N/A	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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	\$ _____
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	N/A	
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 0	\$ _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 0	\$ _____
Food	\$ 0	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ 0	\$ _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 0	\$ _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 0	\$ _____

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

If yes, how much? _____

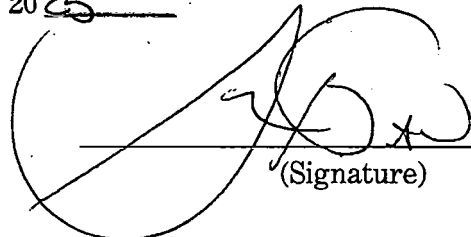
If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

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

I CURRENTLY OWE THE STATE APPROX. \$500⁰⁰ DUE TO A PAIR OF CIVIL PLEADINGS IN FED. CT. PLUS VARIOUS POSTAGE

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

Executed on: October 22, 2025


(Signature)

AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY

MY NAME IS STEVEN MICHAEL BACKSTROM, TDCJ #1657938 and I reside at the Clements Unit, 9601 Spur 591, Amarillo, Potter County, Texas. The facts and statements herein are of my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

As of today, my trust fund account has a balance of \$923.06; however, I have an outstanding outside purchase request for the purchase of a legal document located at the Texas Law Library which is intended for support of my ~~fgaad~~ on the court claims peripheral to the proceeding now before the Court. Also, I have a request for \$100.00 made payable for services which are legal in nature. ~~S~~ ever that I cannot afford to pay the \$155.00 fee as I am serving a life sentence of which my \$923.00 will barely sustain.

Even were I able to afford the fee, it appears that the Clements Unit has permanently suspended outside purchases, even for legal purposes. See attached Grievance Step 1, My Step 2 is currently in the front office awaiting response which contains a threat to complain to the Ombudsmen.

Nonetheless, I would ask the Court grant this in forma pauperis request and allow my pleading to move forward unencumbered.

SO PRAYED this day of

Respectfully submitted,


Steven M. Backstrom

TDCJ #1657938