

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Melquan Thawney,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

No.\_\_\_\_\_

United States of America,  
*Respondent.*

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED  
IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that petitioner, Melquan Thawney, respectfully moves for leave to proceed in forma pauperis in connection with the above-captioned petition for a writ of certiorari. Mr. Thawney was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the underlying proceedings in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Brian A. Jacobs was appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, et seq., to represent Mr. Thawney for his direct appeal in the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. That representation is continued for purposes of this petition for certiorari review.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that Melquan Thawney be granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in these proceedings.

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