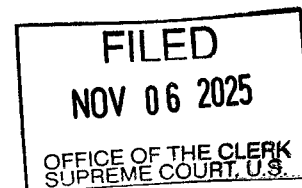


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No. \_\_\_\_\_

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In The  
Supreme Court of the United States

November Term 2025



Candelario Cruz-Trujillo,  
*Applicant/Petitioner,*

v.

State of Indiana  
*Respondent.*

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Indiana Court of Appeals

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

The Petitioner asks leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

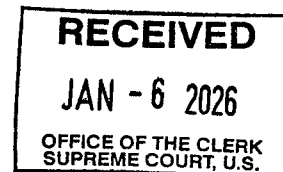
☒ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

Johnson Superior Court 2 (trial, appeal, and post-conviction proceedings), the Indiana Court of Appeals (direct appeal and post-conviction appeal), and the Indiana 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.

*Candelario Cruz-Trujillo*  
Candelario Cruz-Trujillo  
Petitioner / pro se



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

I, Candelario Cruz-Trujillo, 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 twelve (12) months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually to show the rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average amount during the past 12 months.		Amount Expected next month.	
	You:	Spouse:	You:	Spouse:
Employment-	\$126.00	\$ N/A	\$126.00	\$ N/A
Self-Employment-	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Income from real property (such as rental income)-	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Interest and dividends-	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Gifts-	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Alimony-	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Child Support-	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Retirement (social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)-	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)-	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Unemployment				
Payments-	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Public-assistance (such as welfare)-	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Other-	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>Total monthly income:</b>	\$126.00	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A

2. List your employment history, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer:	Address:	Dates of Employment:	Gross Monthly Pay:
PCF Maintenance Dept.	4490 W. Reformatory Road	2016-Present	\$126.00

Prior employers: I no longer remember their names

3. List your spouse's employment history, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.) Not Applicable.

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? N/A  
Below, state any money you or your spouse has in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial Institution:	Type of Account:	Amount you have:	Your spouse has:
Dept. of Correction	Trust Fund	approx. \$100.00	<u>N/A</u>

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

Home (value):	Other real estate (value):	Motor Vehicle (value):
<u>Not Applicable</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>	Make & Year: <u>N/A</u>

Other assets – Description: Normal household items such as television, hot pot, fan, et cetera; all items are valued as less than \$200.00.

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money: Not Applicable.

7. State the persons who rely upon you or your spouse for support. 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, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You:	Your spouse:
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include mobile home lot rent)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Utilities	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Home maintenance (repairs/upkeep)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Food	\$ <u>100.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Medical and dental expenses (includes medications from commissary)	\$10.00	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Transportation (does not include motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Insurance	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Taxes	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Life	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Health	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others (includes child support)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession or farm (attach detail)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): Commissary personal hygiene, etc.,	\$16.00	\$ <u>N/A</u>
<b>Total monthly expenses:</b>	\$126.00	\$ <u>N/A</u>

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses on in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

☐ Yes      ☒ No

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying an attorney any money for service 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

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 docket fees for your appeal.

I only live off of my pay from my institutional job. Up until a couple of years ago, the pay was only about \$60.00 per month, but I now make about twice that amount per month to help offset the higher prices for food and hygiene items since the advent of COVID-19

I declare under penalty for perjury that the above and foregoing is true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge and belief.

Executed on: December 16, 2025

Carole Ann Ayres  
Petitioner, *pro se*