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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

NATHAN COOPER,
Petitioner

v.

THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
Respondent

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Now comes Nathan Cooper, the petitioner, and pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39 moves for leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

In support of this motion, Mr. Cooper asserts the following:

1. Mr. Cooper has been incarcerated at the Adult Correctional Institutions in Cranston, Rhode Island, since 2022, and is currently serving two consecutive life sentences plus two ten-year consecutive imprisonment sentences. His first scheduled parole hearing will not be held until August 1, 2076.
2. Mr. Cooper has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in proceedings related to this case in the Rhode Island Superior Court. *See attached Order.*

3. Mr. Cooper was represented by court-appointed counsel during the state court litigation of the criminal charges forming the basis for this petition and by the Rhode Island Public Defender's Office during state appellate proceedings.
4. Mr. Cooper has no assets and no ability to hire an attorney while he is incarcerated and, as he will not have a chance of release until 2076 (when he would be 106 years old), he has no foreseeable path to earning money in order to pay for counsel.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Cooper requests that this Court issue an Order granting him permission to proceed without payments of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,

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NATHAN COOPER

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ORDER

Upon consideration of the defendant's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, it is hereby:

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

That defendant may proceed *in forma pauperis* and the cost of the preparation of the trial transcript for purposes of appeal shall be borne by the State of Rhode Island.

ENTER:

PER ORDER:

Krausey
Associate Justice

M. K. Rachiele
Clerk

Date: 11/29/23

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 28th day of November, 2023, I filed and served this document through the electronic filing system. The document electronically filed is available for viewing and/or downloading from the Rhode Island Judiciary's Electronic Filing System.

/s/Elizabeth Munro