

*** CAPITAL CASE ***

No. _____

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

RONALD PALMER HEATH,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

*On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the
Supreme Court of Florida*

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner respectfully requests, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP) in connection with his application for a stay of execution and petition for a writ of certiorari, filed in this Court on February 6, 2026. Heath is an indigent prisoner on Florida's death row who is scheduled to be executed on February 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. EST.

Heath has previously been granted IFP status by Florida's state and federal courts. The Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for, Alachua County, Florida, appointed undersigned counsel pursuant to Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.851(b)(5) and

Fla. Stat. § 27.710(3)-(4), on January 15, 2026. *See Heath v. State*, Case No. 1989-CF-3026, Order Appointing Capital Collateral Counsel for State Warrant Proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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