

CAPITAL CASE

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

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IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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**MELVIN TROTTER,**

*Petitioner,*

v.

**STATE OF FLORIDA,**

*Respondents.*

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**MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

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**DEATH WARRANT SIGNED**  
**Execution Scheduled: February 24, 2026, at 6:00 PM ET**

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The Petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

[x] Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the following courts: The Circuit Court, in and for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, in and of Manatee County, Florida; the Supreme Court of Florida; the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida; the United States Circuit Court of Appeal for the Eleventh Circuit.

[x] 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: Chapter 27, Florida Statutes and order of the Florida Supreme Court. Additionally, Mr. Trotter was previously appointed counsel under the Criminal Justice Act (18 U.S.C. §3006(A)) by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and by the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida under 18 U.S.C §3599.

Respectfully Submitted,

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