

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

**IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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JUAN JESUS CHAIDEZ, PETITIONER

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RESPONDENT

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**ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

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

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The Petitioner, JUAN JESUS CHAIDEZ, by his undersigned counsel, asks leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Vicki Marolt Buchanan was appointed counsel for Mr. Chaidez in the court of appeals under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(b).

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This motion is brought pursuant to Rule 39.1 of the Rules of the  
Supreme Court of the United States.

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Respectfully submitted,

s/ Vicki Marolt Buchanan

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