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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

John Fitzgerald Deonarine (Pro Se) — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

VS.

Monica Aguilar, Erroneously Sued As Lopez, et al — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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

Please check the appropriate boxes:

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

On 9/3/24, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit granted Petitioner's Motion to Proceed in forma pauperis. Please see attached 9th Circuit docket printout affirming Motion to proceed IFP as Exhibit 1.

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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_, or

a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

John Fitzgerald Deonarine  
(Signature)

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

I, JOHN F. DEONARINE, 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 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ <u>N / A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ <u>N / A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>2,000.00</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>N / A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>N / / A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ <u>N / A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ <u>N / / A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child Support	\$ <u>N / A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>N / A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>N / A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>N / A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>N / A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): <u>Food STAMPS</u>	\$ <u>298.00</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Total monthly income:</b>	\$ <u>2,298.00</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>2,298.00</u>	\$ _____

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
Self Employed	PO Box 251515 Glendale, CA 91225	2012 - Present	\$ 2,000.00
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
N/A	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 1,850.00  
Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
Business Checking (Chase Bank)	\$ 1,850.00	\$ N/A
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Home Value _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other real estate Value _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #1      2022 Genesis Year, make & model _____ Value <u>30K Under Repossession Order</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle #2 Year, make & model _____ Value _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other assets Description _____ Value _____	

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

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
N/A	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name	Relationship	Age
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, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$ 590.00	\$ _____
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 250.00	\$ _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ N/A	\$ _____
Food	\$ 300.00	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ N/A	\$ _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ _____

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____ 1 3
Life	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____ 0
Health	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____ 0
Motor Vehicle <i>PENDING REPOSSESSION</i>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____ 0
Other: _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>1 0 0</u>	\$ _____
Department store(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Other: <i>CAR INSURANCE DESPITE REPOSSESSION ORDER</i>	\$ <u>140.00</u>	\$ _____ n \$ d
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
<b>Total monthly expenses:</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,518.00</u></b>	\$ _____

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

Yes  No If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney 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 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 costs of this case.

**The effort needed to litigate this case in District and Appellate court from May of 2022 through the present as a pro se has affected the petitioner's ability to find gainful employment. The petitioner has been in receipt of Social Services since approximately 2024. Though the petitioner was exonerated and found to be factually and legally innocent through two Superior Court proceedings, the latter did suffer damage to his professional reputation.**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: Monday, March 23, 2026

  
(Signature)

**Date Filed** 7/22/2024

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**Docket Text** **OPENING BRIEF** submitted for filing by Appellant John Deonarine.--[court entered filing to correct DE 16] [Entered: 07/23/2024 11:19 AM]

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**Entry #** 18

**Docket Text** Streamlined Request for Extension of Time to File Brief filed by Appellee Monica Aguilar, Appellee Lopez, Appellee Rosales, Appellee Morales, Appellee McNulty. [Entered: 08/08/2024 09:59 AM]

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**Docket Text** **ORDER FILED.** Streamlined Request for Extension of Time to File Brief (DE 18) denied as unnecessary. It is unnecessary. The briefing schedule is stayed. Briefing shall be reset as necessary pending resolution of the motions to proceed in forma pauperis (DE6) and to appoint counsel (DE8). [Entered: 08/08/2024 01:59 PM]

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**Docket Text** **ORDER FILED.** Mary M. SCHROEDER, Andrew D. HURWITZ  
The supplemented motion to proceed in forma pauperis (Docket Entry Nos. 6 and 10) is granted. The court, in its discretion, denies the motion for appointment of pro bono counsel (Docket Entry No. 8). The motion to maintain this case under seal (Docket Entry No. 9) is denied. If appellant seeks to file or maintain under seal any specific document or portion of a document, appellant may file a new motion to seal that complies with Ninth Circuit Rule 27-13(e). The opening brief has been filed. The answering brief is due October 1, 2024. The optional reply brief is due within 21 days after service of the answering brief. Because appellant is proceeding without counsel and did not file excerpts of record, appellant is not required to file excerpts of record, appellee s "must file Supplemental Excerpts of Record that contain all of the documents that are cited in the pro se opening brief or otherwise required by Rule 30-1.4, as well as the documents that are cited in the answering brief." 9th Cir. R. 30-1.3. [Entered: 09/03/2024 01:49 PM]

EXHIBIT

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