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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Donald C. Lynch — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

Kentucky — 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):

The Pulaski Circuit Court, the Kentucky Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

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.

Donald Christopher Lynch
(Signature)

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

I, Donald c. Lynch, 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>68.28</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>63.42</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>68.28</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>63.42</u>	\$ <u>0</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
Roederer Corr. Complex	P.O. Box 69 LaGrange, Ky. 40031	April 2, 2024 to present	\$ 68.28 average
			\$
			\$

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	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 942.23 institutional account
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
Savings, institutional account	\$ <u>942.23 total</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

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

- Home
Value N/A
- Other real estate
Value N/A
- Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model N/A
Value _____
- Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model N/A
Value _____
- Other assets
Description I have nothing outside of my institutional savings.
Value _____

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u> N/A </u>	\$ <u> N/A </u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u> N/A </u>	\$ <u> N/A </u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Life	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Health	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Other: _____	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Other: _____	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u> 48.00 </u>	\$ <u> 0 </u>

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.

I earn an average of \$68.28 a month, and my institutional savings is only due to not having spent all of the stimulus money provided to me years ago.

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? N/A

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? N/A

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

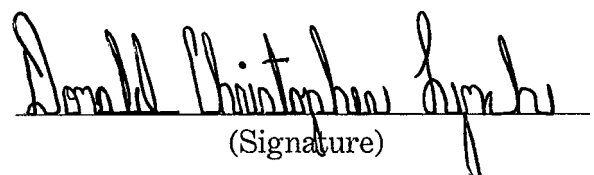
I have proceeded pro se, but I do have to pay for postage and copies.

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

Other than the money in my institutional account, I have nothing and no one.

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

Executed on: February 27, 2026, 2026


(Signature)