

No.: 25A1121

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Elias Phillip Francis — PETITIONER

VS.

United States of America — 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): United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Case No. 21-4392
- 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.

/s/ Steven T. Meier
(Signature)

FILED: August 20, 2021

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 21-4392
(3:19-cr-00303-RJC-DCK-1)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

ELIAS PHILLIP FRANCIS

Defendant - Appellant

O R D E R

The court appoints Steven Thomas Meier to represent Elias Phillip Francis. Counsel is referred to the CJA Payment Memorandum and the CJA eVoucher Page for information on appointment terms and procedures.

If preparation of transcript is necessary, CJA authorization for preparation of transcript is obtained by submitting an AUTH-24 request in the district eVoucher system. New appellate counsel must contact district eVoucher staff for appointment to the underlying district court case in order to submit the AUTH-24 request for district judge approval and the CJA 24 voucher for transcript payment.

Counsel must also submit a Transcript Order Form to the court reporter and district court and file the same in the court of appeals with the docketing statement. Upon filing of the Transcript Order Form, the Fourth Circuit will set deadlines for completion of the transcript.

CJA 20 and 21 vouchers are submitted for payment through the Fourth Circuit's CJA eVoucher system. Upon receiving email notification of this appointment from eVoucher, counsel may create CJA 20 and 21 vouchers for use in maintaining time and expense records and paying for expert services.

All case filings must be made using the court's Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). Counsel not yet registered for electronic filing should proceed to the court's web site to register as an ECF filer. See **Required Steps for Registration as an ECF Filer.**

For the Court--By Direction

/s/ Patricia S. Connor, Clerk

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ORDER

The court grants the application to proceed under the Criminal Justice Act.

For the Court--By Direction

/s/ Patricia S. Connor, Clerk