

CAPITAL CASE

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

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

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**JAMES HITCHCOCK,**

*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: April 30, 2026, at 6:00 PM ET**

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The Petitioner (“Mr. Hitchcock”) 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 Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and of Orange County; the Supreme Court of Florida; the Federal District Court of the Middle District of Florida; the Supreme Court of the United States.

[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. Hitchcock was previously appointed counsel under the Criminal Justice Act (18 U.S.C. §3006(A)) by the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida under 18 U.S.C §3599.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 25, 2026