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No. 25-7295

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

SCOTTIE BERNARD SHAVER — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

VS.

RUSS RURKA (Acting Warden) — 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*.

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

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati, Ohio (Federal)

Michigan Supreme Court and the Michigan Court of Appeals (State Courts)

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.

  
(Signature)

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

I, SCOTTIE BERNARD SHAVER, 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>18.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>18.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Other (specify): <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
<b>Total monthly income:</b>	\$ <u>18.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>18.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</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
<u>MDOC - LCF</u>	<u>141 FIRST ST</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>\$ 19.00</u>
<u>Lakeland Facility</u>	<u>Coldwater, MI</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>\$ 19.00</u>
<u>Coldwater, MI 49036</u>	<u>49036</u>	<u>2019-2026</u>	<u>\$ 19.00</u>

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
<u>NONE</u>	<u>NOT Applicable</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>NONE</u>	<u>NOT Applicable</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>NONE</u>	<u>NOT Applicable</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

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

Financial institution	Type of account	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
<u>NONE</u>	<u>NOT Applicable</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>NONE</u>	<u>NOT Applicable</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>NONE</u>	<u>NOT Applicable</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</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 NONE
- Other real estate  
Value NONE
- Motor Vehicle #1  
Year, make & model NONE  
Value does NOT Apply
- Motor Vehicle #2  
Year, make & model NONE  
Value does NOT Apply
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- Other assets  
Description NONE - DUE TO Physical Incarceration  
Value NONE

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
<u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
<u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
<u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>NONE</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>

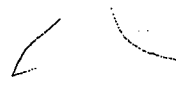
7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.

Name	Relationship	Age
<u>NONE</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>
<u>NONE</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>
<u>NONE</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>

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) Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Food	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Life	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Health	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other: <u>NOT Applicable</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): <u>NONE</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Credit card(s)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Department store(s)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other: <u>does NOT Apply</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other (specify): <u>does NOT Apply</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total monthly expenses:</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00



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.

NOT Applicable

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? NONE

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

Does NOT Apply

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? NOT Applicable

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

NONE

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

I am incarcerated and my monthly income does not exceed \$19.00 per month on my institutional job assignment. I am indigent and cannot afford to pay fees and cost.

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

Executed on: February 16, 2026



(Signature)