

No.

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

WILLIAM JAMES WASHINGTON, PETITIONER

VS.

UNITED STATES, RESPONDENT

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

Pursuant to Rule 39 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(6), petitioner William James Washington requests leave to file the accompanying petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs, and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Pursuant to § 3006A(b) and (c), petitioner was represented by Criminal Justice Act counsel in connection with the relevant proceedings before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

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