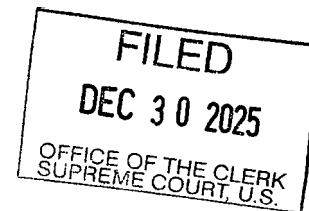


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NO. 25-2279

ORIGINAL

IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent-Appellee

-VS-

NICHOLAS DWAYNE JONES,
Petitioner-Appellant

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Respondent-Appellant Nicholas Dwayne Jones, Pro-Se hereby moves this Honorable Court for leave to proceed in forma pauperis, without prepayment of costs or fees, in the prosecution of the attached petition for a writ of certiorari from the United States Court of Appeals for the EIGHTH CIRCUIT. Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, Central Division.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATED: 3 / 8 / 2026

Nicholas Dwayne Jones

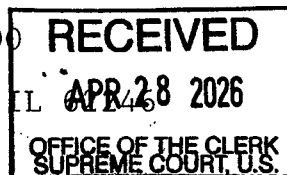
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**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, Nicholas Dwayne Jones, 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>100</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>None</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>100</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
F.C.I Greenville	P.O. Box 5000	12-12-22 to current	\$ \$108
N/A	N/A	date	\$
			\$

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? \$ 0 none
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
N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

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 None

Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model none
Value None

Other assets
Description None
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

N/A

Amount owed to you

\$ N/A

Amount owed to your spouse

\$ N/A

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name

N/A

Relationship

N/A

Age

N/A

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.

Rent or home-mortgage payment
(include lot rented for mobile home)

Are real estate taxes included? Yes No
Is property insurance included? Yes No

You

Your spouse

\$ 0 none

\$ N/A

Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,
water, sewer, and telephone)

\$ 0 none

\$ N/A

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ 0 none

\$ N/A

Food

\$ 0 none

\$ N/A

Clothing

\$ 0 none

\$ N/A

Laundry and dry-cleaning

\$ 0 none

\$ N/A

Medical and dental expenses

\$ 0 none

\$ N/A

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

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.

N/A

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:

N/A

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:

N/A

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

I am a federal prisoner who have been in prison for the past 6 years. I make \$100.00 a month at my prison job, for which I use to buy such as soap, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant and some food.

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

Executed on: February 8th, 2026

Nicholas Dwayne Jones
(Signature)