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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MICHAEL EDWARD BAPTIST,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

**PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO
THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, § 3006A(d)(6) and Rule 39 of this Court, Petitioner asks leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit without pre-payment of fees or costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner is represented by counsel appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, Title 18, United States Code, § 3006A(d)(6). Petitioner is represented by appointed counsel in the Ninth Circuit.

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Respectfully submitted,

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