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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM 2026

SHAWN LEE BUTTS,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner, Shawn Lee Butts, asks leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari, without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner has been granted leave to so proceed in both the U.S. District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. No affidavit is attached inasmuch as the U.S. District Court appointed counsel for Petitioner under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964.

Respectfully submitted,

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