

CAPITAL CASE

No. _____

IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States

MELVIN TROTTER,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondents.

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE
FLORIDA SUPREME COURT

PROOF OF SERVICE

DEATH WARRANT SIGNED
Execution Scheduled: February 24, 2026, at 6:00 PM ET.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this date, February 19, 2026, as required by Supreme Court Rule 29 I have served the enclosed MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS, APPLICATION FOR STAY OF EXECUTION, PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI, and APPENDIX on each party to the above proceeding or that party's counsel, and on every other person required to be served,

via FedEx Overnight Shipping, and also submitted the enclosed documents to the Court's electronic filing system.

The names and addresses of those served are as follows:

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

Executed on February 19, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

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