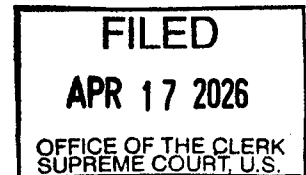


No. 26-5005



IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dana Waters – PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

David Hughes RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

X Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

California Supreme Court

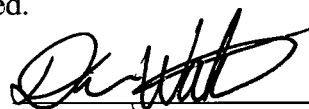
D Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

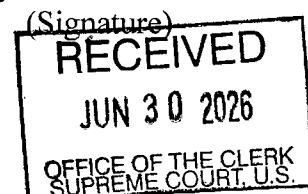
☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

D Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

D The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____
----- or

D a copy of the order of appointment is appended.





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

I, Dana Waters _____, 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	\$4200__ __	\$NA__ __	\$4200__ __	\$NA__ __
Self-employment	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA __ __
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __
Interest and dividends	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __
Gifts	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __
Alimony	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __
Child Support	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA __ __
Unemployment payments	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __
Other (specify): _____	\$NA__ __	\$NA__ __	\$NA __ __	\$NA__ __
Total monthly income:	\$2166__ __	\$NA__ __	\$2166__ __	\$NA__ __

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
Nuova Distribution	6940 Salashan Pkwy Ferndale WA 98230	9/2024	\$4200
NA	NA	NA	\$NA
NA	NA	NA	\$NA

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
NA	NA	NA	\$NA
NA	NA	NA	\$NA
NA	NA	NA	\$NA

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$0
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
Checking	\$0	\$NA
Savings	\$0	\$NA
NA	\$NA	\$NA

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

☐ Home NA
Value NA

☒ Other real estate NA
Value NA

☒ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2004ford Sable
Value \$500

☒ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model 2005 Dodge Durango
Value \$500

☒ Other assets
Description NA
Value NA

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
_____	\$, NA _____	\$NA _____
NA _____	\$NA _____	\$NA _____
NA _____	\$NA _____	\$NA _____

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	Relationship	Age
OW _____	Child _____	17 _____
LW _____	Child _____	15 _____
CH _____	Child _____	9 _____
DH _____	Child _____	8 _____

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.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$627 _____	\$NA _____
Are real estate taxes included? D Yes X No		
Is property insurance included? D Yes X No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$330 _____	\$NA _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$.600 _____	\$NA _____
Food	\$.1200 _____	\$NA _____
Clothing	\$300 _____	\$NA _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$150 _____	\$NA _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$300 _____	\$NA _____

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$300_____	\$.NA_____
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$.100_____	\$.NA_____
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$NA	\$NA_____
Life	\$56	\$NA_____
Health	\$0	\$NA_____
Motor Vehicle	\$120	\$NA_____
Other:	\$NA	\$NA_____
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify):	\$NA	\$NA_____
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$NA	\$NA_____
Credit card(s)	\$NA	\$NA_____
Department store(s)	\$NA	\$NA_____
Other:	\$NA	\$NA_____
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$250	\$NA_____
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$NA	\$NA_____
Other (specify):	\$NA	\$NA_____
Total monthly expenses:	<u>\$4333</u>	\$NA_____

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.

More surgery scheduled with time off needing to be taken.

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? _____

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

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? _____

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

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

I have incurred significant financial hardship arising from the underlying custody proceedings. As a result of this case, I have been required to relocate and establish a new residence while maintaining ongoing travel related to custody and visitation. I have also experienced multiple serious injuries requiring surgeries and extended recovery periods, which have limited my ability to work and earn income. These circumstances have depleted my savings and left me unable to pay the costs associated with this proceeding. I am proceeding without counsel and respectfully request leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

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

Executed on: Thursday June 18, 2026



(Signature)