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IN THE  
**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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JAMES DESMOND BOOTH,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
*Respondent.*

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**On Petition for Writ of Certiorari  
to the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal**

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**AMENDED MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

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The Petitioner, JAMES DESMOND BOOTH, prays the Court for leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Petitioner's indigency affidavit is included with this motion.

The Petitioner previously sought a declaration of indigency in *State of Florida v. James Desmond Booth*, case no. 2012-CF-30612. He was determined to be indigent prior to his trial proceedings and was appointed counsel for his trial proceedings. The Petitioner was also determined to be insolvent and was appointed counsel for purposes of his appeal following his judgment and conviction in the trial court. Orders concerning his insolvency are attached in the appendix to this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was  
furnished to:

Office of the Attorney General  
444 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fifth Floor  
Daytona Beach, Florida 32118-3951

by U.S. mail delivery on this 3rd day of August, 2026.

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

I, James Booth, 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<br>the past 12 months |             | Amount expected<br>next month |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                            | You                                                 | Spouse      | You                           | Spouse      |
| Employment                                                                 | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Self-employment                                                            | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Income from real property<br>(such as rental income)                       | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Interest and dividends                                                     | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Gifts                                                                      | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Alimony                                                                    | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Child Support                                                              | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Retirement (such as social<br>security, pensions,<br>annuities, insurance) | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Disability (such as social<br>security, insurance payments)                | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Unemployment payments                                                      | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Public-assistance<br>(such as welfare)                                     | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Other (specify): <u>N/A</u>                                                | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u> |
| <b>Total monthly Income:</b>                                               | \$ <u>0</u>                                         | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>0</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 |
|----------|---------|---------------------|-------------------|
| N/A      | N/A     | N/A                 | \$ 0              |
| N/A      | N/A     | N/A                 | \$ 0              |
| N/A      | N/A     | N/A                 | \$ 0              |

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                   | \$ 0              |
| N/A      | N/A     | N                   | \$ 0              |
| N/A      | N/A     | N                   | \$ 0              |

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 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| N/A                                         | \$ 0            | \$ 0                   |
| N/A                                         | \$ 0            | \$ 0                   |
| N/A                                         | \$ 0            | \$ 0                   |

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

☐ Home  
Value 0

☐ Other real estate  
Value 0

☐ Motor Vehicle #1  
Year, make & model N/A  
Value 0

☐ Motor Vehicle #2  
Year, make & model N/A  
Value 0

☐ Other assets  
Description N/A  
Value 0

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 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| N/A                                   | \$ 0               | \$ 0                       |
| N/A                                   | \$ 0               | \$ 0                       |
| N/A                                   | \$ 0               | \$ 0                       |

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 |
|------|--------------|-----|
| N/A  | N/A          | N/A |
| N/A  | N/A          | N/A |
| N/A  | N/A          | 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.

|                                                                                          | You  | Your spouse |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|
| Rent or home-mortgage payment<br>(include lot rented for mobile home)                    | \$ 0 | \$ 0        |
| Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |      |             |
| Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |      |             |
| Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,<br>water, sewer, and telephone)                    | \$ 0 | \$ 0        |
| Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)                                                    | \$ 0 | \$ 0        |
| Food                                                                                     | \$ 0 | \$ 0        |
| Clothing                                                                                 | \$ 0 | \$ 0        |
| Laundry and dry-cleaning                                                                 | \$ 0 | \$ 0        |
| Medical and dental expenses                                                              | \$ 0 | \$ 0        |

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

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.

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? 0

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? 0

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.

N/A

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

Executed on: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

  
(Signature)