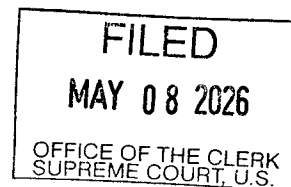


No. 26-5265 ORIGINAL



IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

GERALD KINER — PETITIONER

SHELBY COUNTY, TN GOVERNMENT; MICHELLE TAYLOR,
INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR
OF THE SHELBY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT; AND JAMES
GLOSTER, INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS
PURCHASING ADMINISTRATOR OF SHELBY COUNTY
GOVERNMENT. VS.

— 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:

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

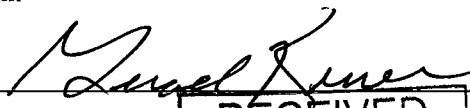
☐ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

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

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

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.


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

I, Gerald Kiner, 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	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ <u>2000</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>2000</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
#2 Daughters of Zion	4400 Hickory Hill Rd	2024 7/1/2025	\$ ~16,000
#1 Jesus People Church	Memphis, TN 38141 Same	2025 2026	\$ ~2000 (g.H.S) ? 5 hours a week

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			\$
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ _____
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 Trust	\$ 1885.57	\$ N/A
Checking Payor	\$ 7056.91	\$
	\$	\$

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

☐ Home Value <u>N/A</u>	☐ Other real estate Value <u>N/A</u>
☒ Motor Vehicle #1 Year, make & model <u>2014 Intimidator 600s</u> Value <u>\$ ~16,000</u>	☐ Motor Vehicle #2 Year, make & model _____ Value _____
☐ Other assets Description <u>N/A</u> Value _____	

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

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

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
<u>ASK</u>	<u>son</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Farris O. Kiner</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>	<u>82</u>
_____	_____	_____

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)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ <u>400</u>	\$ _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>1000</u>	\$ _____
Food	\$ <u>1600</u>	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ <u>200</u>	\$ _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ _____

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>250</u>	\$ _____
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>200</u>	\$ _____
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ _____	\$ _____
Life	\$ <u>1000</u>	\$ _____
Health	\$ _____	\$ _____
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>300</u>	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>400</u>	\$ _____
Department store(s)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>5550</u>	\$ _____

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? _____

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 was hit by a drunk driver 7/1/2025 and have not worked Full time since and my disability application with Ameritas has been stalled by them. money comes from gifts from congregation

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

Executed on: July 24, 2026

State of: Tennessee

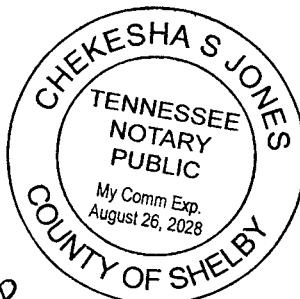
County of: Shelby

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me 24th day of July, 2026

Chekesha S. Jones

Your Name Here, Notary Public

My Commission Expires August 26, 2028



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