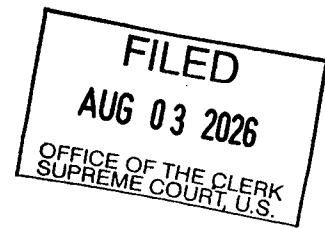


No. _____

26-5277



IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MICHAEL G. THOROGOOD,
Petitioner,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner Michael G. Thorogood respectfully 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:

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Case No. 2026-1219.

☐ 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.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael G. Thorogood

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Date: July 31, 2026

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

I, MICHAEL THOROGOOD, 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>200</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>3,200</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>1,619</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>1,713</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Other (specify): <u>FOOD STAMPS</u>	\$ <u>107</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>1,819</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>4,913</u>	\$ <u>NA</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
MARINE HYDRAULICS	543 E. INDIAN RIVER RD. NORFOLK, VA 23523	7/6/2026-CURRENT	\$ 3,200
UNEMPLOYED		7/6/2024-7/6/2024	\$ 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
NA			\$
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 275
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	\$ 250	\$ NA
SAVINGS	\$ 25	\$ NA
	\$	\$

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

☐ Home
Value NA

☐ Other real estate
Value NA

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model NA
Value

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model NA
Value

☐ Other assets
Description NA
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
NA	\$ 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
NT	SON	14
MT	DAUGHTER	12

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)	\$ 300	\$ NA
Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 148	\$
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 0	\$
Food	\$ 400	\$
Clothing	\$ 150	\$
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 50	\$
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 40	\$

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>80</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>40</u>	\$ _____
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Life	\$ <u>39.7</u>	\$ _____
Health	\$ <u>342</u>	\$ _____
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>223</u>	\$ _____
Other: <u>?</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): <u>STATE TAX</u>	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ _____
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>500</u>	\$ _____
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ _____
Department store(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____
Other: <u>CHARGED OFF DEBT</u>	\$ <u>434</u>	\$ _____
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>250</u>	\$ _____
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____
Other (specify): <u>STUDENT LOANS, 200,000 +</u>	\$ <u>DEFERMENT</u>	\$ _____
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>3,196</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.

BACK FEDERAL TAXES HAVE TO START
BEING PAID

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? NA

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? NA

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'VE BEEN OUT OF WORK FOR THE LAST TWO
YEARS WITH A VAST AMOUNT OF BUILT UP DEBT.

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

Executed on: JULY 31, 2026

Mark Thorne
(Signature)