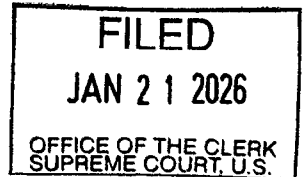


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No.

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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Daniel Martin Pickel — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

Michigan — 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):

45th Circuit Court (# 07-14669-FC), Eastern Dist. of
Michigan (case no: 25-14201) & the 6th Circuit (Pickel v. Burton,
970 F3d 684 (2020))

☐ 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.

Daniel Pickel
(Signature)

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

I, Daniel Pickel, 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>72.56</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Self-employment	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Gifts	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Alimony	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>NA</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>72.56</u>	\$ <u>NA</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
<u>MDOC(STF)</u>	<u>St. Louis</u>	<u>June (2024) - Jan. (2026)</u>	\$ <u>72.56</u>
<u>DRF</u>	<u>Carson City</u>	<u>March - Apr 2026</u>	\$ _____
<u>WCC</u>	<u>9036 E-M 36</u> <u>Whitmore Lake, MI 48489</u>	<u>May 2026 -</u>	\$ <u>60 (estimate)</u>

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
<u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>	\$ <u>NA</u>
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

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
<u>None</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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>None</u>	☐ Other real estate Value _____
☐ Motor Vehicle #1 Year, make & model <u>None</u> Value _____	☐ Motor Vehicle #2 Year, make & model _____ Value _____
☐ Other assets Description <u>None</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

None

\$ /

\$ /

None

\$ /

\$ /

None

\$ /

\$ /

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

NA

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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)

\$ /

\$ /

Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,
water, sewer, and telephone)

\$ /

\$ /

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ /

\$ /

Food

\$ 40

\$ /

Clothing

\$ /

\$ /

Laundry and dry-cleaning

\$ /

\$ /

Medical and dental expenses

\$ /

\$ /

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Life	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Health	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Other: <u>Phone</u>	\$ <u> 10 </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ <u> / </u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Other: _____	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u> / </u>	\$ <u> / </u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u> 50-60 </u>	\$ <u> / </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 currently make \$0.33 an hour and am incarcerated

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

Executed on: 5-28, 2026

Daniel Pikel
(Signature)

No.

IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

January Term, 2026

DANIEL MARTIN PIRKEL

PETITIONER,

v.

MICHIGAN,

RESPONDENT.

Attorney for Respondent
Michigan Attorney General

DANIEL MARTIN PIRKEL
In Pro Per

Affidavit of Indigency

Petitioner Daniel Martin Pirkel hereby declares that he is indigent and unable to pay for the filing fees normally associated with filing a petition for Writ of Certiorari. He has been incarcerated for nearly 19 years, has no assets and currently works in the Kitchen for approximately \$.33 an hour (roughly \$52 a month?). I have accurately filled out the attached Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis.

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

5-29-26

Date

Daniel Pirkel

Daniel Pirkel #677844

C R O'Ryan
State of Michigan
Notary Public
County of Ingham
Commission EXP 16 Sept. 2032
Acting in the County of Livingston