
No. 26-

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MARIO TZUNUX-ZACARIAS

Petitioner

v.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Respondent

**ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY**

MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner, Mario Tzunux-Zacarias, asks leave to file the attached Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of Kentucky without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39. Mario was permitted to proceed as an indigent in the Supreme Court of Kentucky and in the lower courts. Counsel was appointed pursuant to Ky. Rev. Stat. §31.110. A copy of that order is attached. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39.1, no affidavit is therefore required to proceed in forma pauperis before the Court. In forma pauperis status should therefore be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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NO. 21-CR-277

HARDIN CIRCUIT COURT
JUDGE LARRY ASHLOCK
DIVISION THREE (3)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

PLAINTIFF

v.

**ORDER PERMITTING DEFENDANT TO
PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

MARIO TZUNUX-ZACARIAS

DEFENDANT

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PURSUANT to Kentucky Revised Statutes 31.120(1)(c) and 453.190, it is the finding of this Court that the defendant is a needy person.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that he shall be permitted to prosecute his appeal In Forma Pauperis without payment of costs and that the Department of Public Advocacy shall remain appointed to represent him as he appeals his conviction.

SO ORDERED, on this the 5th day of June, 2023.

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