

No.

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

SEDRIC THOMAS,
Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Respondent.

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The Petitioner, **SEDRIC THOMAS**, asks leave to file the enclosed Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Florida First District Court of Appeal without the prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis* in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 39. Attached hereto is the **Affidavit or Declaration in Support of Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis** that has been completed and signed by Petitioner Thomas. Petitioner Thomas was previously found indigent by the lower court in Gadsden County in 2023.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, **SEDRIC THOMAS, SR.**, asks leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

DATED this July 8, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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

I, Sedric Thomas Sr, 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	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$ 1,875
Self-employment	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Interest and dividends	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Gifts	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Alimony	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Child Support	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Unemployment payments	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other (specify):	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0
Total monthly income:	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$ 1,875

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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
	MA		\$
			\$
			\$

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
Gadsden Schools	Quincy FL	8-20-23	\$ 1,875
			\$
			\$

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
Envision Credit Union	\$ 0-	\$ 300.00
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

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

☒ Home	☒ Other real estate
Value <u>150,000 not paid for</u>	Value <u>3,000</u>

☒ Motor Vehicle #1	☒ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model <u>2013 Chevy SUV</u>	Year, make & model <u>2012 Nissan Max</u>
Value <u>5,000</u>	Value <u>3,000</u>

☐ Other assets
Description MA
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

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

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

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

\$ 0

\$ 1,200

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

\$ 0

\$ 250.00

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ 0

\$ 150 month

Food

\$ 0

\$ 250 month

Clothing

\$ 0

\$ 150 month

Laundry and dry-cleaning

\$ 0

\$ 100 month

Medical and dental expenses

\$ 0

\$ 200 month

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Life	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Health	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>200.00</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>100.00</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ ~~500.00~~
Other: _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ ~~350.00~~ <u>300.00</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 am in prison

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

Executed on: 6-15-26, 2028
Date

John Doe
(Signature)