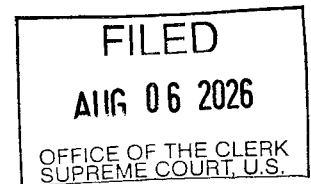


No. 26-5607



IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MICHAEL DAVID BYRUM—PETITIONER

VS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS—RESPONDENT

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks for leave to file the enclosed petition for a writ of certiorari without payment of costs and to proceed *In forma pauperis*.

Petitioner, Byrum, has previously been granted leave to proceed *In forma pauperis* in:

The Supreme Court of Texas; Austin, Texas; No. 25-0862

The Texas Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas, No. 03-23-00388-CV

The 26th Judicial District Court of Texas, Williamson County, Georgetown, Texas,
No. 21-1063-C26

Petitioner's Declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

Signed this 6th day of July, 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael David Byrum", followed by a horizontal line.

Michael David Byrum

DECLARAION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

I, Michael David Byrum, 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 that I am entitled to redress.

I am an unmarried, single person. The amount gf money that I received, average, per month, over the past twelve (12) months and over the next month from each of the following sources is as follows:

- | 1. Income Source: | AMOUNT |
|--|--------|
| Employment-- | \$0.00 |
| Self-employment | \$0.00 |
| Income from real property-- | \$0.00 |
| Interest and dividends | \$0.00 |
| Gifts | \$0.00 |
| Alimony | \$0.00 |
| Child Support | \$0.00 |
| Retirement | \$0.00 |
| Disability | \$0.00 |
| Unemployment payments | \$0.00 |
| Public assistance | \$0.00 |
| Other(specify) | \$0.00 |
| Total monthly income: | \$0.00 |
| 2. I have had no employment history for the past 26-years+. | |
| 3. Spouse's income | N/A |
| 4. The amount of cash I have is:
(see enclosed TCCC Finance Clerk's "Account Certification"
w/ most recent "Resident Statement") | \$0.03 |
| 5. I have no substantial assets. | |
| 6. I have no debtors. | |
| 7. I have no one that relies upon me for support. | |
| 8. I am a ward of the State of Texas and, therefore, I have no monthly expenses. | |
| 9. I do not expect any changes to my monthly income over the next twelve (12) months. | |

10. I am not paying (and do not expect to pay) an attorney for any services in connection with this case.
11. I am not paying (and do not expect to pay) anyone for any services in connection with this case.
12. I have been unemployed since my arrest in December, 1999. I accepted a plea agreement wherein the sentence of record was 30-years, Then, upon my anticipated release to parole, I was civilly committed in May, 2023, where I remain unemployed.

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

Signed this 6th day of August, 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael David Byrum". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael David Byrum

**Additional material
from this filing is
available in the
Clerk's Office.**