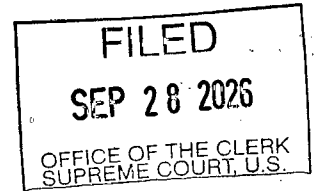


26-5742

No. _____



IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

WILLIE BRUCE BRYANT — PETITIONER

vs.

ALEXANDRA D. LEONARDIS, et al. — RESPONDENT(S)

ORIGINAL

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):

☒ 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.

/s/ Willie Bruce Bryant
(Signature)

Willie Bruce Bryant, Petitioner, Pro Se
3870 Genoa Court, Duluth, Georgia 30096
(678) 907-5839

Dated: October 5, 2026

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

I, Willie Bruce Bryant, 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	\$ 5,000.00	N/A	\$ 5,000.00	N/A
Self-employment	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Interest and dividends	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Gifts	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Alimony	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Child Support	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Unemployment payments	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Other (specify): _____	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Total monthly income:	\$ 5,000.00	N/A	\$ 5,000.00	N/A

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
Leon Jones Feed & Grain, Inc.	4880 Leland Drive, Cumming, Georgia 30041	September 2024 – present	\$ 5,000.00

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
N/A — I am divorced and have no spouse.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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
Checking	\$ 1,235.23	N/A

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

[] Home
Value N/A (I rent; I do not own a home)

[] Other real estate
Value N/A (none)

[X] Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2002 Jeep
Value \$ 2,000.00

[X] Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model 2002 Chrysler 300
Value \$ 3,500.00

[] Other assets
Description _____
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	\$ 0	N/A

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
B.E.B.	Son	14

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)	\$ 2,500.00	N/A
Are real estate taxes included? [] Yes [X] No		
Is property insurance included? [] Yes [X] No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	Included in "Other" below	N/A
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 0	N/A
Food	Included in "Other" below	N/A
Clothing	\$ 0	N/A
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 0	N/A
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 0	N/A

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 0	N/A
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 0	N/A
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ 0	N/A
Life	\$ 0	N/A
Health	\$ 0	N/A
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	N/A
Other: _____	\$ 0	N/A
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ 0	N/A
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	N/A
Credit card(s)	\$ 0	N/A
Department store(s)	\$ 0	N/A
Other: _____	\$ 0	N/A
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 439.00 (child support)	N/A
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ 0	N/A
Other (specify): utilities, telephone, food, and other household bills (combined)	\$ 824.41	N/A
Total monthly expenses:	\$ 3,763.41	N/A

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.

The \$5,000.00 monthly income stated above is my gross pay, before federal and state income taxes, Social Security, and Medicare are withheld, so the amount I actually take home each month is substantially less. My necessary monthly expenses total \$3,763.41, including \$2,500.00 in rent and \$439.00 in child support for my 14-year-old son. My only savings is \$1,235.23 in a checking account, and my only other assets are two 2002 vehicles worth a combined \$5,500.00. If I were not permitted to proceed in forma pauperis, I would have to pay the Court's \$300 docketing fee under Rule 38(a) and have 40 copies of the petition printed in booklet format under Rules 12.1 and 33.1, in addition to the cost of the appendix and postage. After taxes and my necessary living expenses, I cannot pay these costs without falling behind on my rent, my child support, and my son's basic needs.

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

Executed on: September 27, 2026

Willie Bryce Bryant
(Signature)
Willie Bruce Bryant