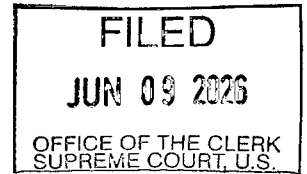


Docket No. 26-5753



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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2025
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ROBERT JASON BURDICK

Petitioner,

Versus

TAUREAN JAMES, WARDEN,

Respondent.

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Motion For Leave To Proceed
In Forma Pauperis
On Petition For Writ of Certiorari
USCA-6-25-5398
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COMES, the Petitioner, Robert J. Burdick, *pro se*, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an Order, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, granting the Petitioner leave to file the accompanying *Petition for a Writ of Certiorari*, without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Petitioner has been declared indigent by all state courts, and has continued to remain indigent since such determinations. The Petitioner requested permission for leave to proceed *In forma pauperis* on appeal to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, but the Court ruled that request "denied as moot" (Appx-A). The Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached herewith and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully moves this Honorable Court to grant the relief sought herein the premises of this motion.

BY: Robert Jason Burdick
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Petitioner/Pro se

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

I, Robert J. Burdick, 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 therefore; 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, or semiannually 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>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Retirement (such as social Security, pensions, Annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Disability (such as social Security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>family support</u>	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ <u>N/A</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
none	—	—	\$ INCARCERATED
			\$
			\$

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	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
			\$
			\$

4. How much money do you and your spouse have? \$ 90.35 Inmate Trust Fund
Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial institution	Type of Account	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
Inmate Trust Fund	Account	\$ 90.35	\$ 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	☐ Other real estate Value N/A
☐ Motor Vehicle #1 Year, make & model N/A Value	☐ Motor Vehicle #2 Year, make & model N/A Value
☐ Other assets Description N/A 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
<u>none</u>	\$ <u>none</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.

Name	Relationship	Age
<u>none</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>—</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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 rental for mobile home)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, Water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Food	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

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

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? N/A

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 have been incarcerated since 2008. I do not own any property, nor do I have a job inside the prison. My family sends me money from time to time to buy the things I need.

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

Executed on: 1 May, 2026

Robert J. Burdick
(Signature)