

No. 26-_____

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

MAURICE SMITH,
Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7), Petitioner Maurice Smith respectfully seeks this Court's leave to file the accompanying Petition for a Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit appointed the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of New Jersey to represent Mr. Smith on appeal under 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a) due to his inability to afford counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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