

No.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

TREVANTE TURNER, *Petitioner*

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA, *Respondent*

*ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO
THE FOURTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA*

MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

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COMES NOW Petitioner, Trevante Turner, and moves this Court, pursuant to Rule 39.1, Rules of the Supreme Court, to declare him indigent and allow him to proceed in forma pauperis in this cause, in particular to waive any filing fees and binding requirements. As grounds therefore, Petitioner states:

1. Petitioner petitions for a writ of certiorari to review the decision of the Fourth District Court of Appeal of Florida affirming his convictions and sentences.
2. Petitioner was declared indigent by the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County, and the Office of the Public Defender was appointed to represent Petitioner upon his arrest and first appearance on March 19, 2023 for his pretrial and trial proceeding, and after trial on January 10, 2025.
3. A family member retained the undersigned's counsel's law office to represent Petitioner on direct appeal. However, after the conclusion of the direct appeal with the per curiam affirmance from the Fourth District Court of Appeal, the undersigned counsel has continued Petitioner's representation at no charge.
4. Petitioner is still indigent and has no funds with which to pay any fees or costs in this action. He is currently serving a natural life sentence in the Florida Department of Corrections.
5. Petitioner has completed an Affidavit or Declaration in Support of Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, which is attached to the instant motion.
6. Federal law requires all courts of the United States to allow commencement and prosecution of any suit without prepayment of fees or costs upon the showing made above. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

7. Refusal to allow Petition to proceed in forma pauperis would deny him equal protection of the law, meaningful access to the courts, and due process of the law since he cannot otherwise get the review to which a more affluent petitioner would be entitled. *See Burns v. Ohio*, 360 U.S. 252 (1959).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner moves this court to declare him indigent and allow him to file and prosecute without the payment of any fees or costs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

I, Trevante D. Turner, 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	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</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
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0

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
unknown	unknown	unknown	\$ 0
unknown	unknown	unknown	\$ 0
unknown	unknown	unknown	\$ 0

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
N/A	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 0	\$ 0

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

☐ Home
Value 0

☐ Other real estate
Value 0

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 0
Value 0

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model 0
Value 0

☐ Other assets
Description 0
Value 0

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>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
<u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
<u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

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
<u>Sylvia F. Harris</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>62</u>
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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)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</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>Unknown</u>
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Food	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>
Medical and dental expenses	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>Unknown</u>

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

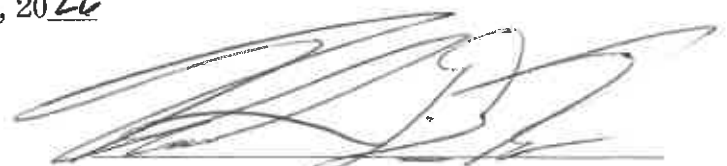
12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

At this moment I am in Prison in the state of Florida.
I am not in touch with my spouse, we have no communication.

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

Executed on: 8/16, 2026

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