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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

SCOTTIE JAY BLACK,
Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner, **SCOTTIE JAY BLACK**, MOVES THIS Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and in support of this request, shows as follows:

1. Pursuant to Rule 39.1, a party seeking to proceed *in forma pauperis* must file with this motion a notarized affidavit in support or, if the court below appointed counsel for an indigent party, a copy of the order of the lower court's order of appointment. Attached is a copy of the order of the Circuit Court of Florida's Fourteenth Judicial Circuit declaring Petitioner insolvent and appointing the Public Defender's Office as counsel for his appeal.

2. Petitioner was adjudged insolvent for the purposes of appeal in the First District Court of Appeal for the State of Florida and was represented there by appointed counsel.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that he be permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this matter.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Barbara Busharis, a member of the bar of this Court, hereby certify that on this day of October 26, 2026, a copy of this motion was served, via electronic transmission, by agreement of the parties, to Trisha Meggs Pate, Assistant Attorney General, counsel for Respondent, at crimapptlh@myfloridalegal.com, and that all parties required to be served have been served.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCOTTIE JAY BLACK,

Defendant/Appellant,

vs. CASE NO(S): 032022CF00246A

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff/Appellee.
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ORDER OF INSOLVENCY

THIS CAUSE coming on before me upon the Motion of the Defendant/ Appellant, SCOTTIE JAY BLACK, for the appointment of counsel to represent him on appeal from the judgment and sentence previously entered in this cause, the Court having been advised in the premises and having previously made inquiry of the Defendant and having found him so insolvent that he was incapable of hiring his own attorney, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Public Defender, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in the State of Florida is hereby appointed to represent the Defendant on his appeal in this cause. It is further

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Defendant, SCOTTIE JAY BLACK, is without funds to pay the costs of his appeal and that the State of Florida, shall bear any and all costs necessary and incident to the prosecution of this appeal for the Defendant.

DONE AND ORDERED this Friday, November 22, 2024