No. _____

IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States

BURNEAL ELLIOTT,
Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent.

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

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

NOW COMES Petitioner Burneal Elliott, through undersigned counsel, who moves this Honorable Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39 and 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(7). The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana determined that Mr. Elliott was financially eligible for appointment of counsel and appointed the Federal Public Defender to represent him. *United States v. Elliott,* No. 21-088, Dkt. No. 44 (E.D. La. May 18, 2022) (attached hereto).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully moves this Honorable Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of November, 2026.

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MINUTE ENTRY
VAN MEERVELD, M.J.
MAY 18, 2022

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	CRIMINAL ACTION
VERSUS	NO. 21-88
BURNEAL ELLIOTT	SECTION: D

A hearing on defendant's motion to withdraw as counsel of record and to appoint the office of the Federal Public Defender (Rec. Doc. No. 40) was held this date before United States Magistrate Judge Janis van Meerveld.

PRESENT BY VIDEO: Michael Trummel, Asst. U.S. Attorney
Tanzanika Ruffin, Counsel for Defendant
Burneal Elliott, Defendant

Defendant consented to appear by video.

Defendant was sworn and questioned as to the financial affidavit dated July 23, 2021 (Rec. Doc. No. 11).

IT IS ORDERED that defendant's motion is **GRANTED** and Tanzanika Ruffin is withdrawn as counsel of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Federal Public Defender is appointed to represent the defendant.

Defendant was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Janis van Meerveld
JANIS VAN MEERVELD
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

MJSTAR: 00:05

Clerk to notify: FPD