No. _____

IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States

ERNEST CLARK,
Petitioner,
v.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent.

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

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Now comes Petitioner Ernest Clark, by his undersigned federal public defender, and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and Rule 39.1 of this Court, respectfully requests leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* before this Court, and to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit without prepayment of filing fees and costs.

In support of this motion, Petitioner states that he is indigent, was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the United States Bureau of Prisons, and was represented by the undersigned counsel pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

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