No. 26A345

In the Supreme Court of the United States

BAYAN ALEKSEY,
Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner, Bayan Aleksey, respectfully moves, pursuant to Rule 39 of this Court's rules, for leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and was appointed counsel in the Supreme Court of South Carolina pursuant to S.C. Code § 17-27-160 and in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3599(a)(2).

Respectfully Submitted,

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

I, Bayan Aleksey, respectfully move, pursuant to Rule 30 of this Court's rules, for leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of fees or costs of security therefor. In support of my motion, I declare under penalty of perjury that the following facts are true:

(1) I am the petitioner in this action and I believe I am entitled to redress.

(2) Because of my poverty, I am unable to pay the costs of said proceeding or give security therefor.

Bayan Aleksey

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 5 day
of November, 2026.

Notary Public for the State of South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 10/24/2033