No. **20-6638**

ORIGINAL

IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

RAHEM JEFFESON BRENTENDS PETITIONER (Your Name)



Unite States Of Antica RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the following court(s):

White States Court of Appeals for Second Court

Petitioner has not previously been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in any other court.

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is not attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

The appointment was made under the following provision of law:

or

a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

(Signature)

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

At a Stated Term of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, held at the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, in the City of New York, on the 6th day of February, two thousand and nineteen.

United States of America,

ORDER

Appellee,

Docket Nos. 18-1033(L), 18-1618(Con); 18-3546

v.

Raheem Brennerman,

Defendant - Appellant.

James M. Branden moves to be relieved as counsel and requests that the Court appoint new counsel for Appellant in the above-captioned appeals. The Government does not oppose the motion.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion to be relieved is GRANTED. The appeals docketed under 18-1033(L) and 18-1618(Con) are removed from the March 6, 2019 calendar and will be rescheduled in the normal course.

John C. Meringolo, Esq., Meringolo & Associates, P.C., 375 Greenwich Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10013, is assigned as new counsel pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. Attorney Meringolo is directed to review Local Rule 12.2 regarding the filing of Form B and Local Rule 31.2 regarding procedures for setting the filing dates for the submission of briefs.

For the Court:

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Clerk of Court



United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

ROBERT A. KATZMANN

CHIEF JUDGE

Date: February 06, 2019 Docket #: 18-1033cr

Short Title: United States of America v. The Blacksands

Pacific Group,

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DC Judge: Kaplan

NOTICE of the APPOINTMENT of CJA COUNSEL

This Court has appointed counsel to represent you in your appeal pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act. Appointed counsel is:

Name: John C. Meringolo, Esq.

Firm: Meringolo & Associates, P.C.

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Please see the enclosed copy of this court's order of appointment.

Please direct all future correspondence and other communications to your appointed counsel.

Inquiries regarding this case may be directed to 212-857-8575.