

No. **20-6895**

**ORIGINAL**

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

RALPH JEFFERSON BRENNERMAN PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

Supreme Court, U.S.  
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VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 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):

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE  
SECOND CIRCUIT

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.

/s/ RALPH BRENNERMAN  
(Signature)

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**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.

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United States of America,

Appellee,

v.

Raheem Brennerman,

Defendant - Appellant.

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**ORDER**

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

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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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,

**CATHERINE O'HAGAN WOLFE**  
CLERK OF COURT

DC Docket #: 1:17-cr-155-2  
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DC Court: SDNY (NEW YORK  
CITY)  
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.

Address: 375 Greenwich Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10013

Phone No: 347-599-0992

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.