

*** CAPITAL CASE ***

No. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OCTOBER TERM 2024

EDWARD THOMAS JAMES,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY,

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ET AL.,

Respondents.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner, Edward Thomas James, asks leave of this Court, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP) in connection with his concurrently filed application for a stay of execution and petition for a writ of certiorari. Mr. James is an indigent prisoner on Florida's death row with a scheduled execution on March 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. James was previously granted IFP status by Florida's state and federal courts. Counsel of record for Mr. James in this Court, the Capital Habeas Unit of the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Florida, was

appointed to represent Mr. James by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, under 18 U.S.C. § 3599, on August 10, 2018.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, Mr. James respectfully requests that he be allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,

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