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No. _____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

RICKY LEE BLACKWELL
Petitioner

v.

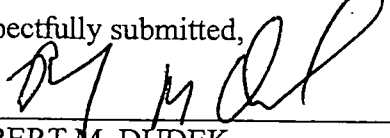
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Respondent

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner Ricky Lee Blackwell asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

[x] Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following courts: Spartanburg County, South Carolina Circuit Court; South Carolina Supreme Court.

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

Respectfully submitted,


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October 27, 2017

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Indictment No. 09-GS-42-3609, 09-GS-42-3610
Warrant No.s: M088424, M088434

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RICKY LEE BLACKWELL,

Defendant.

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT OF
COUNSEL

The Defendant, Ricky Lee Blackwell, is charged with murder and kidnapping in the above referenced warrants. The State has announced its intention to seek the death penalty. This Court has been assigned to hear the case as well as all pretrial matters. This necessarily includes matters of appointment of counsel.

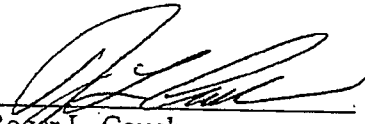
Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 16-3-26(B)(1) this Court appoints Mr. William S. McGuire as lead counsel. Mr. McGuire is the Chief Attorney of the Capital Trial Division of the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense. He is certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court to be lead counsel in death penalty matters, and he is fully qualified to be lead counsel pursuant to the terms of S.C. Code Section 16-3-26 and Rule 421, SCACR.

This Court also appoints Mr. Clay T. Allen as second counsel. Mr. Allen is the Circuit Public Defender for the Seventh Judicial Circuit. There being no discernible conflict with the Public Defender's Office, this Court is required, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 16-3-26, to appoint the Public Defender or a member of his staff as one of the two attorneys in this matter.



Mr. Allen is certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court to be counsel in death penalty matters, and is fully qualified to be second counsel pursuant to the terms of both S.C. Code Section 16-3-26 and Rule 421, SCACR.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.


Roger L. Couch
Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit

February 22, 2011

Spartanburg, South Carolina

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