

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 25-09 (State Attorney Executive Assignment)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable BRUCE BARTLETT, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Daryal Kafkasso Erdem has been arrested for leaving the scene of a crash involving injury and resisting an officer without violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable BRUCE BARTLETT has also advised the Governor that an employee of the state attorney's office is a witness in the case; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable BRUCE BARTLETT, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified himself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney regarding the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters regarding Daryal Kafkasso Erdem; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable SUSAN LOPEZ, State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable SUSAN LOPEZ discharge the duties of the Honorable BRUCE BARTLETT, pursuant to section 27.14, Florida Statutes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS**, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my solemn constitutional duty to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed," and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida, issue the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

Section 1. The Honorable SUSAN LOPEZ, State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable BRUCE BARTLETT, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, regarding the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters regarding Daryal Kafkasso Erdem.

Section 2. The Assigned State Attorney or one or more Assistant State Attorneys and Investigators, who have been designated by the Assigned State Attorney, shall proceed immediately to the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

Section 3. All residents of the Sixth Judicial Circuit are requested, and all public officials are directed, to cooperate and render whatever assistance is necessary to the Assigned State Attorney, so that justice may be served.

Section 4. The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including January 13, 2026.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before December 13, 2025, if additional time is required.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 13th day of January, 2025.



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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY  
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES

**BRUCE BARTLETT**  
State Attorney

December 20, 2024

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GOVERNOR'S LEGAL OFFICE

Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Governor, State of Florida  
The Capitol, Room 209  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Attention: Ms. Brandi Manley

Re: Request for Executive Assignment  
DARYAL KAFKASSO ERDEM, CRC24-11221CF-C  
Charges: Leaving Scene of a Crash Involving Injury; Resisting an Officer Without Violence

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I am writing to request the assignment of a special prosecutor to handle the investigation and prosecution of DARYAL KAFKASSO ERDEM for the above charges occurring in Pinellas County on December 4, 2024. The reason for this request is that one of our employees is a witness in the case. The file is currently located at my office and will be provided to whomever you assign.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Kind regards,

  
Bruce Bartlett  
State Attorney

BB/cr

## Smith Manley, Brandi

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**From:** Jenkins, Beth H. <Jenkins\_B@sao13th.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 3, 2025 11:58 AM  
**To:** Smith Manley, Brandi  
**Subject:** RE: Request for new Executive Assignment

Good Morning Brandi:

Yes, we can accept this assignment. 😊😊

I hope you enjoyed a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. 😊😊

Beth

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**From:** Smith Manley, Brandi <Brandi.Manley@eog.myflorida.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 26, 2024 8:31 AM  
**To:** Jenkins, Beth H. <Jenkins\_B@sao13th.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Request for new Executive Assignment

Good morning, Beth.

Can your office handle this assignment?

Please advise.

Thank you.

**Brandi Manley**  
Office of the Governor  
Criminal Justice Liaison  
Victims' Rights Coordinator  
Room 209, The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
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**From:** Roy, Carolyn <[CarolynRoy@flsa6.gov](mailto:CarolynRoy@flsa6.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 20, 2024 11:49 AM  
**To:** Smith Manley, Brandi <[Brandi.Manley@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Brandi.Manley@eog.myflorida.com)>  
**Subject:** Request for new Executive Assignment

Brandi,

Attached is a letter requesting an Executive Assignment for a Pinellas County case. The defendant was arrested on December 4, 2024. An Information has not been filed on the case.

If you need more information, please let me know. The original letter will be mailed to you via USPS.

Thank you,

Carolyn



**Carolyn Roy**, Executive Assistant to  
Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney  
Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida  
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