

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 07-07

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRAD KING, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor CHARLIE CRIST that the Circuit Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit has entered an order granting a motion for change of venue because of pretrial publicity to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami-Dade County, in the case of State of Florida v. John Evander Couey, case #2005-CF-298, who has been charged with first degree murder, burglary of a dwelling with battery, kidnapping and sexual battery upon a person under the age of 12; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRAD KING, having handled the investigation and preparation for the trial, requests his assignment to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida in the case of State of Florida v. John Evander Couey, case #2005-CF-298; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, welcomes the Honorable BRAD KING to prosecute a criminal case that occurred and was investigated within his jurisdiction, the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and will assist his efforts in any way possible either via the cross-designation of prosecutorial staff or by agreement with the request for an Executive Assignment; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida, and of the ends of justice that the Honorable BRAD KING be assigned to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida with respect to the above matter, pursuant to Section 27.14, Florida Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLIE CRIST, 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 the laws of the State of Florida, issue the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

Section 1.

The Honorable BRAD KING, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned the legal authority to discharge his normal legal duties within the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution and all matters relating to the case of State of Florida v. John Evander Couey, Case #2005-CF-298.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney and one or more of his designated Assistant State Attorneys and Investigators shall proceed immediately to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed above.

Section 3.

All residents of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida 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 30, 2008.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before December 30, 2007, 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, the Capitol, this 30th day of January, 2007.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE