

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 07-17

WHEREAS, the Honorable JOHN TANNER, State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor CHARLIE CRIST that Jason Puckett has been charged with violation of probation, a violation of the criminal laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JOHN TANNER has further advised the Governor that he was formerly defense counsel for Jason Puckett; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JOHN TANNER, to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified himself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously appointed to handle the original cases; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE be assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable JOHN TANNER, 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 laws of the State of Florida, issue the following Executive Order effective immediately:

Section 1.

The Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable JOHN TANNER, State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution and all matters related to Jason Puckett.

Section 2.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Seventh 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 31, 2008.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before December 31, 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 31st day of January, 2007.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE