

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 09-200

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAMS EDDINS, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor CHARLIE CRIST that Wendy Gibson has been arrested for stalking and offense against intellectual property by taking or disclosing trade secret, violations of the criminal laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAMS EDDINS has also advised the Governor that Wendy Gibson was an employee of the state attorney's office at the time of her arrest; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAMS EDDINS, 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 GLENN HESS, State Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, 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 GLENN HESS discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAMS EDDINS, 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 GLENN HESS, State Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAMS EDDINS, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution and all matters related to Wendy Gibson.

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 First Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed above.

Section 3.

All residents of the First 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 September 11, 2010.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before August 11, 2010, 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 11th day of September, 2009.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Paul Browning in black ink.
SECRETARY OF STATE

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