

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 24-250 (State Attorney Executive Assignment)

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM M. GLADSON, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Darell Avant has filed a motion for postconviction relief and, subsequently, an order directing state to file a response to the defendant's motion for postconviction relief has been issued by the court; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM M. GLADSON, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was assigned to the Ninth Judicial Circuit under Executive Order 17-76, as extended by Executive Order 18-95, to handle charges for which the defendant was convicted; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANDREW A. BAIN, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed that the executive assignment of another State Attorney regarding the prosecution of this case and all related matters regarding Darell Avant is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM M. GLADSON, State Attorney for the Fifth 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 WILLIAM M. GLADSON discharge the duties of the Honorable ANDREW A. BAIN, 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 WILLIAM M. GLADSON, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable ANDREW A. BAIN, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, regarding the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters regarding Darell Avant.

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

Section 3. All residents of the Ninth 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 November 22, 2025.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before October 22, 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 22nd day of November, 2024.





RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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