

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 22-65

(State Attorney Executive Assignment and Dissolution of Executive Order 22-38)

WHEREAS, the Honorable HAROLD F. PRYOR, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Kalpesh Chotai has been arrested for carrying a concealed firearm; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable HAROLD F. PRYOR has also advised the Governor that Kalpesh Chotai is an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable HAROLD F. PRYOR, 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 with respect to the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit was initially assigned to the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit regarding Kalpesh Chotai in Executive Order 22-38, but her office subsequently requested the executive assignment of another state attorney due to the office's preexisting working relationship with Kalpesh Chotai; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable AMIRA D. FOX, State Attorney for the Twentieth 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 AMIRA D. FOX discharge the duties of the Honorable HAROLD F. PRYOR 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 AMIRA D. FOX, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable HAROLD F. PRYOR, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Kalpesh Chotai.

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

Section 3. All residents of the Seventeenth 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.

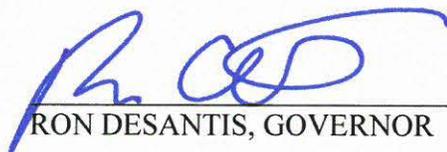
Section 4. The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including March 15, 2023.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before February 15, 2023, if additional time is required.

Section 6. Executive Order 22-38, assigning the State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida to the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida regarding Kalpesh Chotai, is hereby dissolved.



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 15th day of March, 2022.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



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