

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 23-127

(Extension of State Attorney Executive Assignment)

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM M. GLADSON, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 17-165, as extended by Executive Orders 18-109, 19-120, 20-129, 21-115, and 22-161, to the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning charges pending against Bessman Charles-Obinna Okafor; and

WHEREAS, the Assigned State Attorney has advised the Governor that the duties required by the previous executive assignment have not yet been completed as a Daubert Hearing is scheduled for June 22, 2023, a Motion in Limine is scheduled for July 24, 2023 and a trial date is scheduled for October 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Assigned State Attorney has further advised the Governor that an extension of this assignment is necessary in order to complete the assigned duties; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the assignment of the Assigned State Attorney be continued with respect to the above matters, 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:

Section 1. Executive Order Executive Order 17-165, as extended by Executive Orders 18-109, 19-120, 20-129, 21-115, and 22-161, is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including June 8, 2024.

Section 2. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before May 8, 2024, 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 13th day of June, 2023.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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