

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 23-163 (State Attorney Executive Assignment)

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANDREW A. BAIN, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Rashawn Francis has been arrested for attempted first degree murder with a firearm (three counts), aggravated battery with a firearm, child abuse, and criminal mischief >\$200-<\$1,000 (five counts); and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANDREW A. BAIN has also advised the Governor that an employee of the state attorney's office is a witness in this case; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANDREW A. BAIN, 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 regarding the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters regarding Rashawn Francis; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRIAN HAAS, State Attorney for the Tenth 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 BRIAN HAAS 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 BRIAN HAAS, State Attorney for the Tenth 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 Rashawn Francis.

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 August 16, 2024.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before July 16, 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 16th day of August, 2023.





RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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