

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-154

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Ethics of the State of Florida has been created to represent the people in assuring that public officers do not abuse trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Michael T. Emmons is at all times material hereto an employee of the Office of the State Attorney, Ninth Judicial Circuit, and as such is subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Ethics concluded that Mr. Emmons violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his public position to access computer systems and record oral communications and violated section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by disclosing or using information not available to the general public for his or another person's personal gain or benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report rendered on June 22, 2011, and the incorporated Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order between the Advocate for the Commission and the Respondent, entered into April 20, 2011;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order effective immediately finding that:

1. Michael T. Emmons violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his public position to access computer systems and record oral communications and violated section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by disclosing or using information not available to the general public for his or another person's personal gain or benefit.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 is hereby imposed against Mr. Emmons, which penalty shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement made under oath by Mr. Emmons that the penalty was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

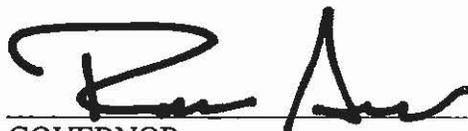
3. Michael T. Emmons is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.

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 July, 2011.



ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

  
GOVERNOR

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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