

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-197

WHEREAS, the Honorable NORMAN R. WOLFINGER, State Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Jeffrey Charlton is under investigation for allegations of stalking; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable NORMAN R. WOLFINGER has also advised that the Jeffrey Charlton is an acquaintance of a family member of the state attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable NORMAN R. WOLFINGER, to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified himself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the investigation and potential prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable R. J. LARIZZA, State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable R. J. LARIZZA discharge the duties of the Honorable NORMAN R. WOLFINGER, pursuant to Section 27.14, Florida Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, 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 R. J. LARIZZA, State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable NORMAN R. WOLFINGER, State Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to Jeffrey Charlton.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Eighteenth 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 September 23, 2012.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before August 23, 2012, 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 23rd day of September, 2011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Atkinson", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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