

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-203

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Robert Hugh Allen, Jr. was arrested for driving under the influence, fleeing/eluding law enforcement officer and assault on a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAMS EDDINS has also advised the Governor that Robert Hugh Allen, Jr. is related to an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, 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 these cases and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable GLENN HESS, State Attorney for the Fourteenth 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 GLENN HESS discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, 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 GLENN HESS, State Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to Robert Hugh Allen, Jr..

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

Section 3.

All residents of the First 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 October 12, 2012.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before September 12, 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 12th day of October, 2011.

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

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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