

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-210

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRUCE COLTON, State Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Dillon Peter Copsey has been charged with giving false information to a law enforcement officer during an investigation relating to the whereabouts of a missing juvenile, a violation of the criminal laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRUCE COLTON has also advised that he is related to the missing juvenile; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRUCE COLTON, 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 with respect to the investigation and potential prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable NORMAN R. WOLFINGER, State Attorney for the Eighteenth 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 NORMAN R. WOLFINGER discharge the duties of the Honorable BRUCE COLTON, 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 NORMAN R. WOLFINGER, State Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable BRUCE COLTON, State Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to Dillon Peter Copsey.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Nineteenth 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 26, 2012.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before September 26, 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 26th day of October, 2011.



ATTEST:


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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