

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 12-177

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANGELA COREY, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that allegations have been made against Justin Lynn Hart for aggravated battery on a pregnant female; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANGELA COREY has also advised that Justin Lynn Hart is related to an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANGELA COREY, has disqualified herself 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 ANGELA COREY, 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 ANGELA COREY, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to Justin Lynn Hart.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Fourth 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 8, 2013.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before July 8, 2013, 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 8th day of August, 2012.

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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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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