

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 12-215

WHEREAS, the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Marcus Bartholomew Griggs has been arrested for Domestic Battery by Strangulation and Simple Battery; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE has also advised the Governor that the subject is a former employee and the victim is an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, in order to avoid any appearance of conflict or impropriety, 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 STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, State Attorney for the Twentieth 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 STEPHEN B. RUSSELL discharge the duties of the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, 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 STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to Marcus Bartholomew Griggs.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Eleventh 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 19, 2013.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before August 19, 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 19th day of September, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rick Scott", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ken Retzner", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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