

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 12-264

WHEREAS, the Honorable PETER ANTONACCI, State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Venito A. Howard has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable PETER ANTONACCI has also advised the Governor that Venito A. Howard is the live-in boyfriend of an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable PETER ANTONACCI, 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 prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth 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 MICHAEL J. SATZ discharge the duties of the Honorable PETER ANTONACCI, 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 MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable PETER ANTONACCI, State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Venito A. Howard.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Fifteenth 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 November 30, 2013.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before October 30, 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 30th day of November, 2012.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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