

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-20

WHEREAS, the Honorable JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER, State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT Jesse Allan Ward has been charged with driving under the influence manslaughter and driving under the influence serious bodily injury; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER has also advised the Governor that prior to his election as state attorney he was the defense counsel of record in this case; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER, 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 WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth 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 WILLIAM P. CERVONE discharge the duties of the Honorable JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER, 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 WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER, State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution and all matters related to Jesse Allan Ward.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Third 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.

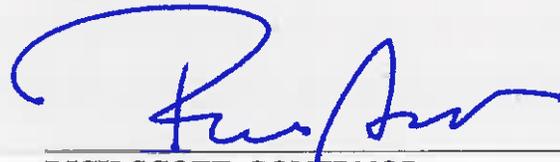
The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including January 31, 2014.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before December 31, 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 31st day of January, 2013.


RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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