

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-27

WHEREAS, the Honorable DAVID ARONBERG, State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Anthony Vincent Pugliese, III and Joseph Robert Reamer have been charged with Money Laundering, Organized Scheme to Defraud, and Grand Theft; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable DAVID ARONBERG has also advised the Governor that one of the defendants once retained for counsel a volunteer for the State Attorney's Office who consults on executive issues, and has served on the transition committee for the State Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable DAVID ARONBERG, 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 STEPHEN 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 RUSSELL discharge the duties of the Honorable DAVID ARONBERG, 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 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 DAVID ARONBERG, State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Anthony Vincent Pugliese, III and Joseph Robert Reamer.

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 February 6, 2014.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before January 6, 2014,
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 6th day of
February, 2013.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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