

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-316

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to assure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Footman, is at all times material hereto a former employee of the Jefferson County Clerk of Court, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. COE 13-110 rendered on September 18, 2013, the Commission on Ethics concluded that Stephanie Footman violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using her position to misappropriate child support payments and violated section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by using information obtained due to her position to misappropriate child support payments; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 13-110.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Stephanie Footman violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using her position to misappropriate child support payments and violated section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by using information obtained due to her position to misappropriate child support payments.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00 is hereby imposed against Stephanie Footman, for violation of section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, and a civil penalty of \$500.00 for violation of section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by Stephanie Footman that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Stephanie Footman is hereby publicly reprimanded and censured.



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 1st day of November, 2013.



RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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