

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-332 (Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Ronald Edward Bowen (Bowen) is presently serving as a member of the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, in St. Lucie County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2013, the State Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit charged Bowen by information with Sunshine Law violation, as prohibited by section 286.011(3)(b), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, a violation of section 286.011(3)(b), constitutes a misdemeanor and is an offense related to the duties of Bowen's office; and

WHEREAS, section 112.51(2), Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor may suspend from office any elected municipal officer who is arrested for a misdemeanor related to the duties of office, or is informed against for the commission of a misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Port St. Lucie, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Bowen be immediately suspended from the public office which he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to section 112.51, Florida Statutes, find as follows:

A. Ronald Edward Bowen is, and at all times material was, a member of City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida.

B. The office of City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to section 112.51, Florida Statutes.

C. The attached Information, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order, alleges that Bowen committed a misdemeanor related to the duties of his office. This suspension is predicated upon the attached information.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective today:

Section 1. Ronald Edward Bowen is suspended from the public office, which he now holds, to wit: member of the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie.

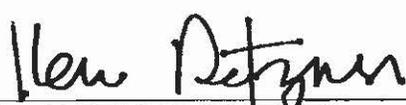
Section 2. Ronald Edward Bowen is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



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 27th day of November, 2013.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY

STATE OF FLORIDA

-VS-

(A) Ronald Edward Bowen
2510 SE Hamden Road
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952
DOB: 12/30/1948
Race/Sex: White / Male

Defendant(s)

Judge Kathryn Nelson Division
Case Number:

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INFORMATION

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

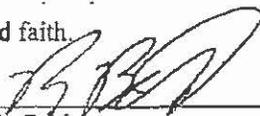
BE IT REMEMBERED that BRUCE H. COLTON, State Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, prosecuting for the State of Florida, in St. Lucie County, under oath, information makes that in St. Lucie County on or about:

A. Ct. ATTENDING A MEETING OF A GOVERNMENTAL BODY IN VIOLATION OF THE SUNSHINE LAW (M-2)

February 2, 2013, Ronald Edward Bowen on or about February 2, 2013, was a member of the City Council of the City of Port Saint Lucie and did knowingly attend a de-facto meeting of the Port Saint Lucie City Council through an intermediary, City Attorney Roger Orr, during which two or more members of the Council took official action, to wit: a discussion about offering a severance package to the City Manager in exchange for his resignation, at a time when no reasonable notice of the discussions were advertised and when the discussions were not open to the public, in violation of Florida Statute 286.011(1),(3)(b);

contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

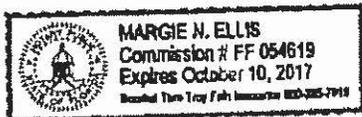
I do hereby state that I am instituting this prosecution in good faith.

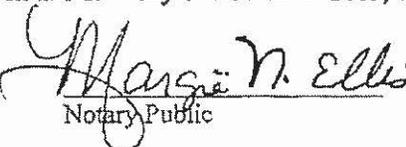


Ryan L. Butler
Assistant State Attorney for the
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of
Florida, prosecuting for said State
Fla. Bar No. 18287

STATE OF FLORIDA
County of St. Lucie

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 19TH day of November 2013, by Ryan L. Butler, who is personally known to me and who did take an oath.





Margie N. Ellis
Notary Public