

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-116
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Michael John Lee is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 14, 2013, Michael John Lee was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Hillsborough County, in case number 2012CF006834, of one count of Possession of Cocaine, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 893.13(6)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Michael John Lee failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to his criminal history record during his commission as a Florida notary public, as required by Section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, this Office notified Michael John Lee by certified mail, and required that he respond to the investigation by this Office of his felony conviction that occurred while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Michael John Lee; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Michael John Lee had moved from the address under which he was commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of his change of address within 60 days, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Michael John Lee 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 Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and Section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

- A. Michael John Lee is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Michael John Lee is commissioned as a Florida notary public from October 24, 2012, through October 23, 2016.
- C. Michael John Lee failed to notify the Department of State of the change to his criminal history record following his felony conviction in Hillsborough County in 2013, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- D. Michael John Lee was convicted of a felony in Hillsborough County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- E. Michael John Lee failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of his change of address, in violation of Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- F. Michael John Lee refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by Section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

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

Section 1. Michael John Lee is suspended from the public office which he now holds:

Notary Public of the State of Florida.

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



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 25th day of March, 2014.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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