

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-78 (Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Natasha Ortiz, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 1, 2013, Natasha Ortiz was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Seminole County, in case number 2012CF001349, of two counts of Grand Theft (more than \$300, less than \$20,000), a third-degree felony in violation of Section 812.014(2)(c)1., Florida Statutes, and one count of Conspiracy to Commit Grand Theft, a first-degree misdemeanor in violation of Sections 774.04(3) and 812.014(2)(c)1., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Natasha Ortiz failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by Section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, and January 29, 2014, this Office notified Natasha Ortiz by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office regarding her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Natasha Ortiz had moved from the address on file and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her address within 60 days, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Natasha Ortiz; 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 Natasha Ortiz be immediately suspended from the public office, which she 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. Natasha Ortiz is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Natasha Ortiz is commissioned as a Florida notary public from April 2, 2010, through April 1, 2014.
- C. Natasha Ortiz was convicted of two felonies in Seminole County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- D. Natasha Ortiz failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions in Seminole County in 2013, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Natasha Ortiz failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- F. Natasha Ortiz 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. Natasha Ortiz is suspended from the public office which she now holds:

Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Natasha Ortiz 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 February, 2014.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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