

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-98
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Arian Charlton, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 25, 2013, Arian Charlton was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Brevard County, in case number 2013CF055603, of one count of Grand Theft (more than \$300, less than \$5,000), a third-degree felony in violation of Section 812.014(2)(c)(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Arian Charlton failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to her criminal history record, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes, following her felony conviction while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, and February 6, 2014 this Office notified Arian Charlton by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of her felony conviction that occurred while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Arian Charlton; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Arian Charlton had moved from the address under which she was commissioned 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, 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 Arian Charlton 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. Arian Charlton is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Arian Charlton is commissioned as a Florida notary public from April 24, 2010, through April 23, 2014.
- C. Arian Charlton was convicted of a felony in Brevard County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- D. Arian Charlton failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her criminal history record following her felony conviction in Brevard County in 2013, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Arian Charlton 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. Arian Charlton refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation 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. Arian Charlton is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Arian Charlton 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 18th day of March, 2014.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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