

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-255

WHEREAS, the Honorable STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Steven M. Alex has filed a motion for early termination of probation; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JERRY HILL, State Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, prosecuted an earlier case under Executive Order 00-280 and also handled subsequent motions under Executive Orders 13-109 and 15-166, for which the defendant is now filing a motion for a motion for early termination of probation; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable STEPHEN B. RUSSELL has also advised the Governor that Steven M. Alex is a former Assistant State Attorney in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified himself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the motion for early termination of probation and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JERRY HILL, State Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable JERRY HILL discharge the duties of the Honorable STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, pursuant to section 27.14, Florida Statutes.

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

Section 1.

The Honorable JERRY HILL, State Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the motion for early termination of probation and all matters related to Steven M. Alex.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney or one or more Assistant State Attorneys and Investigators, who have been designated by the Assigned State Attorney, shall proceed immediately to the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

Section 3.

All residents of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit are requested, and all public officials are directed, to cooperate and render whatever assistance is necessary to the Assigned State Attorney, so that justice may be served.

Section 4.

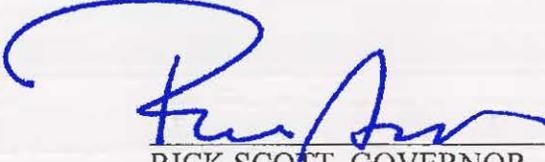
The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including September 12, 2015.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before August 12, 2015, if additional time is required.

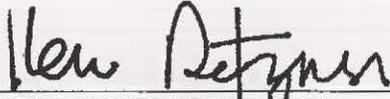


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 12th day of September, 2014.



RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



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