STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 15-113

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANGELA B. COREY, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Tommy Demetrist Cobb has been charged with violation of probation; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, handled the original case under Executive Under 14-133 for which the defendant received a sentence of probation; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANGELA B. COREY has also advised the Governor that the original conflict continues to exist as the defendant is related to an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANGELA B. COREY, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified herself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth 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 WILLIAM P. CERVONE discharge the duties of the Honorable ANGELA B. COREY, 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 WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable ANGELA B. COREY, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution and all matters related to Tommy Demetrist Cobb.

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 Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

Section 3.

All residents of the Fourth 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 June 1, 2016.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before May 1, 2016, if additional time is required.

CONVENTION

ATTEST:

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 1st day of June, 2015.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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