

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 15-119

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM N. MEGGS, State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that allegations have been made against Richard Arthur Buckley, in Wakulla County, for domestic battery; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM N. MEGGS has also advised the Governor that Erika Buckley Hindle, the alleged victim in the case, was an employee of the state attorney's office at the time of the incident and Richard Arthur Buckley an employee of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office. Current employees of the state attorney's office may witnesses in the case; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM N. MEGGS, 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 investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable GLENN HESS, State Attorney for the Fourteenth 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 GLENN HESS discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAM N. MEGGS, 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 GLENN HESS, State Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAM N. MEGGS, State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution and all matters related to Richard Arthur Buckley.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Second 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 22, 2016.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before May 22, 2016, 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 22nd day of June, 2015.



RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



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