

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 15-186

WHEREAS, the Honorable MARK A. OBER, State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Patrick Charles Hannon has filed a motion to vacate judgment of conviction and sentence; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BERNIE MCCABE, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, was assigned to this case beginning with Executive Order 91-69 and most recently extended under Executive Order 14-196; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MARK A. OBER agrees that due to the familiarity that the State Attorney's Office in the Sixth Judicial Circuit has to this case this motion should be assigned to his office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MARK A. OBER, 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 post-conviction motion filed and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BERNIE MCCABE, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable BERNIE MCCABE discharge the duties of the Honorable MARK A. OBER, 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 BERNIE MCCABE, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable MARK A. OBER, State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the post-conviction motion filed and all matters related to Patrick Charles Hannon.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Thirteenth 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 22, 2016.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before August 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 September, 2015.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style.

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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A black ink signature of Ken Retzner, written in a cursive style.

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