

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16-88 (Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Anthony Grant (Grant), is presently serving as Mayor of the Town of Eatonville, in Orange County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2016, Grant was indicted by the Grand Jury of the Ninth Circuit Court in and for Orange County, Florida, as described in the attached and incorporated indictment, for twenty-two separate felony violations of the Laws of Florida, relating to the Florida Election Code or conspiracy to violate the code and three additional misdemeanor violations of the code; and

WHEREAS, section 112.51, Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor may suspend from office any elected municipal officer who is indicted for a felony or misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Eatonville, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Grant be immediately suspended from the public office that he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to section 112.51, Florida Statutes, find as follows:

- A. Anthony Grant is, and at all times material, Mayor for the Town of Eatonville, Florida.
- B. The office of Mayor for the Town of Eatonville, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to section 112.51, Florida Statutes.
- C. The attached indictment charges that Grant committed felonies in violation of the laws of Florida. This suspension is predicated upon the attached indictment, and is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section 1. Anthony Grant is hereby suspended from the public office that he now holds; Mayor of the Town of Eatonville, Florida.

Section 2. Anthony Grant is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



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 29th day of March, 2016.



RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

FALL TERM, 2015

THE STATE OF FLORIDA,

VS.

ANTHONY GRANT,

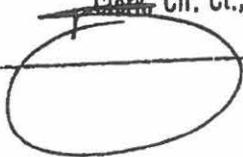
MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS

and JAMES RANDOLPH.

INDICTMENT
CASE NUMBER #

DIVISION -

1. CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE ELECTION CODE (F3-L1)
2. SOLICITING OR ATTEMPTING TO VOTE FRAUDULENT BALLOT (F3-L1)
3. VOTING FRAUD (F3-L1)
4. UNLAWFULLY MARK OR DESIGNATE BALLOT CHOICE (F3-L1)
5. VIOLATION OF VOTER PROTECTION ACT (F3-L1)
6. CORRUPTLY INFLUENCE VOTING - INTIMIDATION (F3-L1)
7. INTERFERENCE WITH VOTER REGISTRATION (F3-L1)
8. UNLAWFULLY MARK OR DESIGNATE BALLOT CHOICE (F3-L1)
9. VIOLATION OF VOTER PROTECTION ACT (F3-L1)
10. CORRUPTLY INFLUENCE VOTING - INTIMIDATION (F3-L1)
11. UNLAWFULLY MARK OR DESIGNATE BALLOT CHOICE (F3-L1)
12. VIOLATION OF VOTER PROTECTION ACT (F3-L1)
13. CORRUPTLY INFLUENCE VOTING - INTIMIDATION (F3-L1)

FILED IN OPEN COURT 32816
Clerk Cir. Ct., Orange Co., FL
By  D.C.

Florida, County of Orange
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as filed with me.
Mary Moore Prosser, Clerk of the Circuit Court
By:  Deputy Clerk
28 March 16

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14. UNLAWFULLY MARK OR DESIGNATE BALLOT CHOICE (F3-L1)
15. VIOLATION OF VOTER PROTECTION ACT (F3-L1)
16. CORRUPTLY INFLUENCE VOTING - INTIMIDATION (F3-L1)
17. UNLAWFULLY MARK OR DESIGNATE BALLOT CHOICE (F3-L1)
18. VIOLATION OF VOTER PROTECTION ACT (F3-L1)
19. CORRUPTLY INFLUENCE VOTING - INTIMIDATION (F3-L1)
20. UNLAWFULLY MARK OR DESIGNATE BALLOT CHOICE (F3-L1)
21. VIOLATION OF VOTER PROTECTION ACT (F3-L1)
22. CORRUPTLY INFLUENCE VOTING - INTIMIDATION (F3-L1)
23. ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING VIOLATIONS (M1) [GRANT & RANDOLPH ONLY]
24. ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING VIOLATIONS (M1)
25. ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING VIOLATIONS (M1)

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

The Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS, and JAMES RANDOLPH on divers days between the 2nd day of January, 2015 and the 18th day of March,

2015, did, in violation of Florida Statutes §777.04(3) and §104.091(2), agree, conspire, combine

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or confederate with each other and other unindicted co-conspirators to violate Florida Statute 104.041 in regard to the Town of Eatonville municipal election; including, but not limited to, the following: that they did agree, conspire, combine or confederate to perpetrate or attempt to perpetrate fraud in connection with a vote cast, to be cast or attempted to be cast, to wit: to present to officials charged with the legal responsibility of counting ballots from said election, absentee ballots which purported to 1) have been obtained pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes Chapter 104 or 2) express the true choice of the voter or 3) were ballots of electors of the Town of Eatonville. When, in fact, the absentee ballots were neither obtained pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes Chapter 104, nor expressed the true choice of the voter, nor were ballots of electors of the Town of Eatonville. In furtherance thereof, ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS, and JAMES RANDOLPH, did, among other things:

a. knowingly solicit, attempt to obtain or obtain the fraudulent ballot(s) of one or more persons who were not legal residents of the Town of Eatonville at the time of voting in violation of Florida Statutes §104.16 and §104.041; or

b. unlawfully mark or designate the choice of voters' absentee ballots in violation of Florida Statute §104.047(2); or

c. by menace, threat or corruption, directly or indirectly, interfere in the free exercise of voters' rights to vote in violation of Florida Statutes §104.0615(2) and §104.061(1);

or.

d. by menace, threat or corruption, directly or indirectly, interfere in the free exercise of voters' rights to register to vote in violation of Florida Statute §104.012(2); or

e. by providing or offering to provide a pecuniary or other benefit in exchange for distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or otherwise physically possessing more than two (2) absentee ballots in violation of Florida Statute §104.0616(2); or

f. by accepting a pecuniary or other benefit in exchange for distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or otherwise physically possessing more than two (2) absentee ballots in violation of Florida Statute §104.0616(2).

COUNT TWO

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on divers days between the 1st day of March, 2015 and the 6th day of March, 2015, inclusive, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.16, knowingly solicit or attempt, to vote a fraudulent ballot in the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election; to wit: the absentee ballot of MILDRED McKNIGHT, who did not have her legal residence in the Town of Eatonville at the time of voting.

COUNT THREE

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on divers days between the 1st day of March, 2015 and the 6th day of March, 2015, inclusive, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.041, in connection with any vote cast, to be cast or attempted to be cast by MILDRED McKNIGHT, in the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election, unlawfully perpetrate, attempt to perpetrate or aid in the perpetration of any fraud; to wit: assist MILDRED McKNIGHT

voting by absentee ballot when ANTHONY GRANT knew or should have known MILDRED McKNIGHT did not have her legal residence in the Town of Eatonville at the time of voting.

COUNT FOUR

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 16th day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.047(2), unlawfully mark or designate a choice on LATOYA JACKSON's absentee ballot for the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election, not otherwise in conformity with Florida Statutes §101.051, §101.655 or §101.661, when LATOYA JACKSON did not require or request assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write.

COUNT FIVE

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 16th day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida's Voter Protection Act, Florida Statute §104.0615(2), directly or indirectly use or threaten to use any tactic of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel LATOYA JACKSON to vote or refrain from voting or vote or refrain from voting for any particular individual in the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT SIX

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 16th day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.061(1), by bribery, menace, threat or other corruption whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, attempt to influence, deceive or deter an elector; to wit: LATOYA JACKSON, in voting or interfere with LATOYA JACKSON in the free exercise of LATOYA JACKSON's right to vote at an election; to wit: the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT SEVEN

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on divers days between the 2nd day of January, 2015 and the 15th day of January, 2015, inclusive, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.012(2), by bribery, menace, threat or other corruption, directly or indirectly, influence, deceive or deter or attempt to influence, deceive or deter another person; to wit: LATISHA HEISE, in the free exercise of LATISHA HEISE's right to register to vote at any time.

COUNT EIGHT

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 6th day of March, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.047(2), unlawfully mark or designate a choice on LATISHA HEISE's absentee ballot for the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election, not

otherwise in conformity with Florida Statutes §101.051, §101.655 or §101.661, when LATISHA HEISE did not require or request assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write.

COUNT NINE

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 6th day of March, 2015, did, in violation of Florida's Voter Protection Act, Florida Statute §104.0615(2), directly or indirectly use or threaten to use any tactic of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel LATISHA HEISE to vote or refrain from voting or vote or refrain from voting for any particular individual in the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT TEN

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 6th day of March, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.061(1), by bribery, menace, threat or other corruption whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, attempt to influence, deceive or deter an elector; to wit: LATISHA HEISE, in voting or interfere with LATISHA HEISE in the free exercise of LATISHA HEISE's right to vote at an election; to wit: the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT ELEVEN

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 9th day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.047(2), unlawfully mark or designate a choice on DANIELLE JONES' absentee ballot for the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election, not otherwise in conformity with Florida Statutes §101.051, §101.655 or §101.661, when DANIELLE JONES did not require or request assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write.

COUNT TWELVE

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 9th day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida's Voter Protection Act, Florida Statute §104.0615(2), directly or indirectly use or threaten to use any tactic of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel DANIELLE JONES to vote or refrain from voting or vote or refrain from voting for any particular individual in the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT THIRTEEN

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 9th day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.061(1), by bribery, menace, threat or other corruption whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, attempt to influence, deceive or deter an elector; to wit: DANIELLE JONES, in voting or interfere with DANIELLE JONES in the free exercise

of DANIELLE JONES' right to vote at an election; to wit: the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT FOURTEEN

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 23rd day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.047(2), unlawfully mark or designate a choice on ALBERT GORDON's absentee ballot for the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election, not otherwise in conformity with Florida Statutes §101.051, §101.655 or §101.661, when ALBERT GORDON did not require or request assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write.

COUNT FIFTEEN

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 23rd day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida's Voter Protection Act, Florida Statute §104.0615(2), directly or indirectly use or threaten to use any tactic of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel ALBERT GORDON to vote or refrain from voting or vote or refrain from voting for any particular individual in the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT SIXTEEN

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that

ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 23rd day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.061(1), by bribery, menace, threat or other corruption whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, attempt to influence, deceive or deter an elector; to wit: ALBERT GORDON, in voting or interfere with ALBERT GORDON in the free exercise of ALBERT GORDON's right to vote at an election; to wit: the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT SEVENTEEN

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 16th day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.047(2), unlawfully mark or designate a choice on MONIQUA WILLIAMS' absentee ballot for the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election, not otherwise in conformity with Florida Statutes §101.051, §101.655 or §101.661, when MONIQUA WILLIAMS did not require or request assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write.

COUNT EIGHTEEN

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 16th day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida's Voter Protection Act, Florida Statute §104.0615(2), directly or indirectly use or threaten to use any tactic of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel MONIQUA WILLIAMS to vote or refrain from voting or vote or refrain from voting for any particular individual in the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT NINETEEN

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 16th day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.061(1), by bribery, menace, threat or other corruption whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, attempt to influence, deceive or deter an elector; to wit: MONIQUA WILLIAMS, in voting or interfere with MONIQUA WILLIAMS in the free exercise of MONIQUA WILLIAMS' right to vote at an election; to wit: the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT TWENTY

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 7th day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.047(2), unlawfully mark or designate a choice on SHAFICA WASHINGTON's absentee ballot for the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election, not otherwise in conformity with Florida Statutes §101.051, §101.655 or §101.661, when SHAFICA WASHINGTON did not require or request assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write.

COUNT TWENTY ONE

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 7th

day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida's Voter Protection Act, Florida Statute §104.0615(2), directly or indirectly use or threaten to use any tactic of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel SHAFICA WASHINGTON to vote or refrain from voting or vote or refrain from voting for any particular individual in the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT TWENTY TWO

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH, on or about the 7th day of February, 2015, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.061(1), by bribery, menace, threat or other corruption whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, attempt to influence, deceive or deter an elector; to wit: SHAFICA WASHINGTON, in voting or interfere with SHAFICA WASHINGTON in the free exercise of SHAFICA WASHINGTON's right to vote at an election; to wit: the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election.

COUNT TWENTY THREE

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT and JAMES RANDOLPH on divers days between the 21st day of January, 2015 and the 18th day of March, 2015, inclusive, did, in violation of Florida Statute §104.0616(2), provide or offer to provide to MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS a pecuniary or other benefit in exchange for distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or otherwise physically possessing more than two (2) absentee ballots in the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election, in addition to her own ballot

or a ballot belonging to MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELL's immediate family member, except as provided in Florida Statutes §101.6105- §101.694.

COUNT TWENTY FOUR

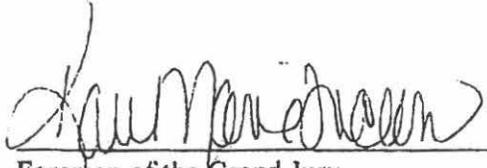
And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH on divers days between the 21st day of January, 2015 and the 8th day of March, 2015, inclusive, violate Florida Statute §104.0616(2), by ANTHONY GRANT accepting a pecuniary or other benefit in exchange for distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or otherwise physically possessing more than two (2) absentee ballots in the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election, in addition to his own ballot or a ballot belonging to an immediate family member, except as provided in Florida Statutes §101.6105- §101.694.

COUNT TWENTY FIVE

And the Grand Jurors of the County of Orange, duly called, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the body of the County of Orange, upon their oaths do present that ANTHONY GRANT, MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS and JAMES RANDOLPH on divers days between the 24th day of January, 2015 and the 18th day of March, 2015, inclusive, violate Florida Statute §104.0616(2), by MIA ANTIONETTE NOWELLS accepting pecuniary or other benefit in exchange for distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or otherwise physically possessing more than two (2) absentee ballots in the 2015 Town of Eatonville municipal election, in

addition to her own ballot or a ballot belonging to an immediate family member, except as provided in Florida Statutes §101.6105- §101.694.

A TRUE BILL


Foreman of the Grand Jury

As authorized and required by law, I have advised the Grand Jury returning this indictment.


JEFFREY L. ASHTON, STATE ATTORNEY
Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida

Filed and presented in open court, in the presence of the Grand Jury this 28th day of March, 2016.

Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By 
Deputy Clerk