

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-01

WHEREAS, the Honorable CATHERINE VOGEL, State Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Jeremy Ward Macauley was charged with two counts of First Degree Murder with Firearm and one count of Robbery with a Firearm; and codefendant, Adrian Demblans, was charged with Accessory After the Fact; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable CATHERINE VOGEL has also advised the Governor that incoming State Attorney-Elect Dennis Ward has been extensively involved with Macauley's attorney in the investigation of this case and the preparation of defense; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable CATHERINE VOGEL, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of impropriety on behalf of State Attorney-Elect Dennis Ward, 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 DAVE ARONBERG, State Attorney for the Fifteenth 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 DAVE ARONBERG discharge the duties of the Honorable CATHERINE VOGEL, 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 DAVE ARONBERG, State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable CATHERINE VOGEL, State Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Jeremy Ward Macauley and Adrian Demblans.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Sixteenth 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 January 3, 2018.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before December 3, 2017, 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 3rd day of January, 2017.


RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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