

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 19-195

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that James Peter Tipton has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; firing weapon-discharge from vehicle; criminal mischief (\$1,000 or more); discharge of firearm in public and armed burglary-dwelling structure or conveyance; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS has also advised the Governor James Peter Tipton is related by marriage to an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, 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 JACK CAMPBELL, State Attorney for the Second 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 JACK CAMPBELL discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, pursuant to section 27.14, Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, 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 JACK CAMPBELL, State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to James Peter Tipton.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the First 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 6, 2020.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before August 6, 2020, 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 6th day of September, 2019.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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