

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-140

WHEREAS, the Honorable ED BRODSKY, State Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Devante Brown and Johnny Ordaz are under investigation for homicide; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ED BRODSKY has also advised the Governor that Devante Brown is related to an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ED BRODSKY, 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 NICHOLAS B. COX, Statewide Prosecutor in the Office of the Attorney General 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 NICHOLAS B. COX discharge the duties of the Honorable ED BRODSKY, 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 NICHOLAS B. COX, Statewide Prosecutor in the Office of the Attorney General Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable ED BRODSKY, State Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Devante Brown and Johnny Ordaz.

Section 2.

The Assigned Statewide Prosecutor or one or more Assistant Statewide Prosecutors and Investigators, who have been designated by the Assigned Statewide Prosecutor, shall proceed immediately to the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

Section 3.

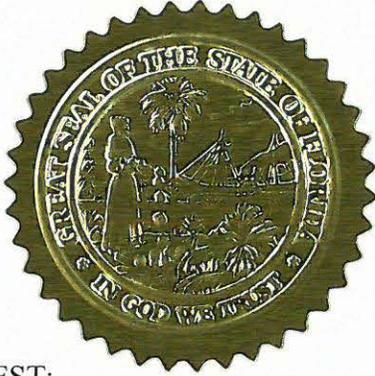
All residents of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit are requested, and all public officials are directed, to cooperate and render whatever assistance is necessary to the Assigned Statewide Prosecutor, so that justice may be served.

Section 4.

The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including June 15, 2021.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before May 15, 2021, if additional time is required.

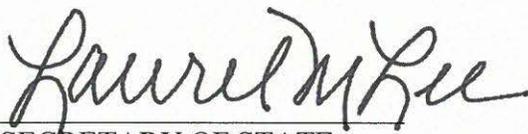


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 15th day of June, 2020.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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