

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-50

WHEREAS, the Honorable GLENN HESS, State Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that two complaints have been filed against William Robert Faircloth, Sr., each for two counts of sex offense against child-molestation victim less than 12 years of age and offender 18 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable GLENN HESS has also advised the Governor that William Robert Faircloth, Sr., is related to a current Circuit Court Judge in Fourteenth Judicial Circuit and is also related by marriage to a retired judge who is now employed with the state attorney's office in the First Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable GLENN HESS, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of impropriety, 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 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 GLENN HESS, 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 GLENN HESS, State Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to William Robert Faircloth, Sr.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Fourteenth 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.

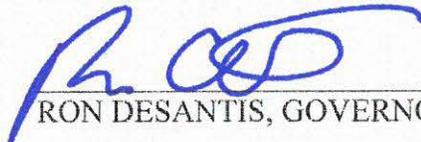
The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including February 24, 2021.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before January 24, 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 24th day of February, 2020.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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