

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 21-239 (Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution provides in relevant part that “[b]y order of the Governor any elected municipal officer indicted for crime may be suspended from office until acquitted”; and

WHEREAS, section 112.51(2), Florida Statutes, provides in relevant part that the Governor has the power to suspend any elected or appointed municipal official who is “indicted or informed against for the commission of a federal felony or misdemeanor or state felony or misdemeanor”; and

WHEREAS, Prebble Quinn Ramswell is presently serving as a Council Member for the City of Destin, Florida, having been re-elected by the voters of the City of Destin for a four-year term which began on March 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2021, an Information was filed charging Prebble Quinn Ramswell, with the felony charge of official misconduct, in violation of section 838.022(1)(a) and (b) and (c), Florida Statutes, and the misdemeanor charge of violation of public records laws, in violation of sections 119.07(1) and 119.10, Florida Statutes, for conduct between July 2020 and April 2021. An additional Information was filed on October 22, 2021, charging Prebble Quinn Ramswell with the felony charge of battery on a law enforcement officer, a violation of sections 784.07(2)(b) and 784.03, Florida Statutes, and the misdemeanor charge of obstruction of service or execution of a search warrant, a violation of section 933.15, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, a violation of section 838.022(1)(a) and (b) and (c), Florida Statutes, constitutes a felony in the third degree and a violation of sections 119.07(1) and 119.10, Florida Statutes, constitutes a misdemeanor in the first degree. A violation of sections 784.07(2)(b) and 784.03, Florida Statutes, constitutes a felony in the third degree and a violation of section 933.15, Florida Statutes, constitutes a misdemeanor in the first degree; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Destin and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Prebble Quinn Ramswell be immediately suspended from the public office which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution, and section 112.51, Florida Statutes, find as follows:

- A. Prebble Quinn Ramswell, and at all times material hereto, was City Council member for the City of Destin, Florida.
- B. The office of City Council for Destin, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes.
- C. The Informations allege that Prebble Quinn Ramswell committed felony and misdemeanor acts in violation of the Laws of Florida while serving as a City Council member. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Informations, which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

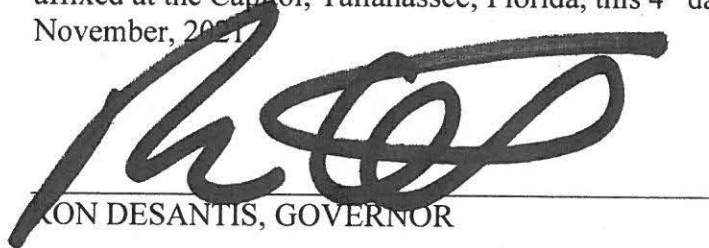
BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section 1. Prebble Quinn Ramswell is suspended from the public office that she now holds, to wit: City Council member for the City of Destin, Florida.

Section 2. Prebble Quinn Ramswell 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 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 the Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, this 4th day of November, 2021


RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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Clerk Number: 4621CF002612A-001
Arrest Date: 10/11/2021
Agency Number: 17211V000014

RACE: W SEX: F DOB: 11/18/1971

- 1) OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
- 2) VIOLATION OF PUBLIC RECORD

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

v.

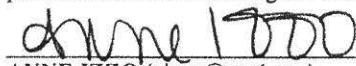
PREBBLE QUINN RAMSWELL,
Defendant.

GINGER BOWDEN MADDEN, STATE ATTORNEY FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, PROSECUTING FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, CHARGES THAT Prebble Quinn Ramswell, a Destin City Council Member, on or between July 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021, at and in Okaloosa County, Florida, did unlawfully and knowingly, with corrupt intent to obtain a benefit for any person or to cause harm to another person or entity, including Point Mezzanine, LLC, did conceal or cover up official records and/or official documents, specifically text messages and emails related to public business, or cause another person to perform such an act, in violation of Sections 838.022(1)(a) and (b) and (c), Florida Statutes. (F3-L4)

COUNT 2: AND YOUR INFORMANT AFORESAID, PROSECUTING AS AFORESAID, ON HER OATH AFORESAID, FURTHER INFORMATION MAKES THAT Prebble Quinn Ramswell, a Destin City Council Member, on or between July 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021, at and in Okaloosa County, Florida, did unlawfully and knowingly, prevent and/or not permit public records, specifically text messages and emails related to public business, that were kept or maintained within her custody, from being inspected and copied by any person or entity desiring to do so, including but not limited to Point Mezzanine, LLC, in violation of Sections 119.07(1) and 119.10, Florida Statutes. (M-1)

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COUNTY OF OKALOOSA

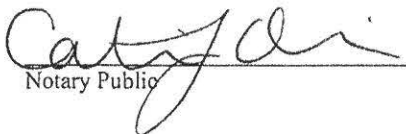
Before me personally appeared the undersigned designated Assistant State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, being personally known to me, and who first being duly sworn, says that the allegations set forth in the foregoing information are based on facts that have been sworn as true, and which if true, would constitute the offense there charged, that said Assistant State Attorney has received testimony under oath from a material witness or witnesses for the offense and that this prosecution is instituted in good faith.

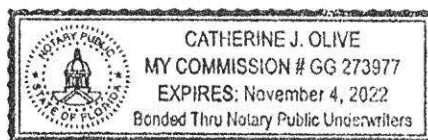


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Sworn to and subscribed before me, by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this

22 day of October, 2021.


Notary Public



Clerk Number: 4621CF002588A-001
Arrest Date: 10/08/2021
Agency Number: 4621IV000018

RACE: W SEX: F DOB: 11/18/1971

- 1) BATTERY UPON A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
- 2) OBSTRUCTION OF SERVICE OR EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANT

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

v.


PREBBLE QUINN RAMSWELL,
Defendant.

GINGER BOWDEN MADDEN, STATE ATTORNEY FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, PROSECUTING FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, CHARGES THAT Prebble Quinn Ramswell, on or about October 8, 2021, at and in Okaloosa County, Florida, did unlawfully and knowingly commit a battery upon Christopher Forehand, an investigator and/or bonded officer employed by Office of the State Attorney, First Circuit, by actually and intentionally touching or striking Christopher Forehand, without the consent of Christopher Forehand, or by intentionally causing bodily harm to Christopher Forehand while the officer was engaged in the lawful performance of his duties, in violation of Sections 784.07(2)(b) and 784.03, Florida Statutes. (F3-L4)

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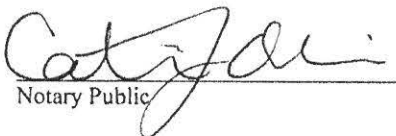
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