

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-145

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Laurie Herring Chace was charged with Felony DUI in Baker County and that William David Johns was charged with Misdemeanor DUI as a result of the same circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE has also advised the Governor that Assistant State Attorney was involved in the traffic accident giving rise to the charges and is an essential witness; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified himself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the investigation and potential prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANGELA B. COREY, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable ANGELA B. COREY discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, 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 ANGELA B. COREY, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to Laurie Herring Chace and William David Johns.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Eighth 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 July 1, 2011.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before June 1, 2012, 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 1st day of July, 2011.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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