

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-151

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL F. MCAULIFFE, State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Erica Fernandez and Jody Thompson have been charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling, battery, aggravated child abuse, child abuse, and child neglect, and in a separate case Jody Thompson has been charged with aggravated child abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL F. MCAULIFFE has also advised that Erica Fernandez is related to an employee of the state attorney's office and the victim in the child abuse cases is related to an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL F. MCAULIFFE, 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 prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth 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 MICHAEL J. SATZ discharge the duties of the Honorable MICHAEL F. MCAULIFFE, 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 MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable MICHAEL F. MCAULIFFE, State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution and all matters related to Erica Fernandez and Jody Thompson.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Fifteenth 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.

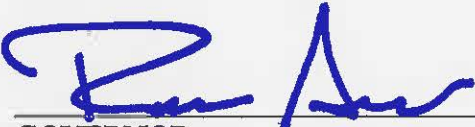
The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including July 15, 2012.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before June 15, 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 15th day of July, 2011.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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