

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-207

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Joseph Scopa has filed a motion to modify his probation; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, has also advised the Governor that Joseph Scopa is related to an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, 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 STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, State Attorney for the Twentieth 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 STEPHEN B. RUSSELL be assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, 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 STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to Joseph Scopa.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney or one or more Assistant State Attorneys and Investigators, which have been designated by the Assigned State Attorney, shall proceed immediately to the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed above.

Section 3.

All residents of the Seventeenth 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 October 12, 2012.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before September 12, 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 12th day of October, 2011.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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