

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-235

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Tony Henderson is under investigation for potential criminal violations regarding his representation of a client; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS has also advised the Governor that Tony Henderson is the chief assistant public defender in Escambia County and has a close working relationship with the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, 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 GLENN HESS, State Attorney for the Fourteenth 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 GLENN HESS discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, 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 GLENN HESS, State Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable WILLIAM EDDINS, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to Tony Henderson.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the First 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 November 18, 2012.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before October 18, 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 18th day of November, 2011.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

FILED
2011 NOV 19 PM 1:36
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA