

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-169**

WHEREAS, the Honorable JEFFREY ASHTON, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Sagar Madhyani and Sunita Madhyani have been charged with grand theft first degree; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JEFFREY ASHTON has also advised the Governor that the he had communication with the defendants' relative prior to his election to state attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JEFFREY ASHTON, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of 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 BRAD KING, State Attorney for the Fifth 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 BRAD KING discharge the duties of the Honorable JEFFREY ASHTON, 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 BRAD KING, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable JEFFREY ASHTON, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution and all matters related to Sagar Madhyani and Sunita Madhyani.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Ninth 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 June 25, 2014.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before May 25, 2014, 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 25th day of June, 2013.

  
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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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