

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-71

(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Lauri Christensen, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida;

and

WHEREAS, on or about September 18, 2012, Lauri Christensen was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, in and for Pinellas County, in case number 2011CF023237, of one count of Burglary of an Unoccupied Dwelling, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 810.02(4)(a), Florida Statutes, and one count of Possession of Burglary Tools, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 810.06, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 18, 2012, Lauri Christensen was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, in and for Pinellas County, in case number 2012CF007194, of one count of Burglary of an Unoccupied Dwelling, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 810.02(4)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 18, 2012, Lauri Christensen was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, in and for Pinellas County, in case number 2012CF007836, of one count of Burglary of an Unoccupied Dwelling, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 810.02(4)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Lauri Christensen failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to her criminal history record while commissioned as a Florida notary public, as required by Section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, this Office notified Lauri Christensen by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of the felony convictions that occurred while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation conducted by this Office, it was discovered that Lauri Christensen had moved from the address listed on file for her notary commission and failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her contact information within 60 days, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Lauri Christensen; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Lauri Christensen be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and Section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

- A. Lauri Christensen is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Lauri Christensen is commissioned as a Florida notary public from December 29, 2010, through December 28, 2014.
- C. Lauri Christensen was convicted of four separate felonies in Pinellas County in 2012, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

- D. Lauri Christensen failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following the felony convictions in Pinellas County in 2012, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Lauri Christensen failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her contact information, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- F. Lauri Christensen refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by Section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

Section 1. Lauri Christensen is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Lauri Christensen is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 25th day of February, 2014.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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