

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-73**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

**WHEREAS**, Jeremy Pitts, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida;  
and

**WHEREAS**, on or about December 27, 2011, Jeremy Pitts was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County, in case number 2011CF003102, of one count of Grand Theft (more than \$300, less than \$5,000), a third-degree felony in violation of Section 812.014(2)(c), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeremy Pitts failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to his criminal history record during his commission as a Florida notary public, as required by Section 117.01(2); and

**WHEREAS**, on January 9, 2014, and January 22, 2014, this Office notified Jeremy Pitts by certified mail, and required that he respond to the investigation conducted by this Office regarding his felony conviction while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

**WHEREAS**, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Jeremy Pitts had moved from the address on file and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in his address 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 Jeremy Pitts; 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 Jeremy Pitts be immediately suspended from the public office, which he 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. Jeremy Pitts is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Jeremy Pitts is commissioned as a Florida notary public from May 13, 2011, through May 12, 2015.
- C. Jeremy Pitts was convicted of a felony in Orange County in 2011, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- D. Jeremy Pitts failed to notify the Department of State of the change to his criminal history record following the felony conviction in Orange County in 2011, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Jeremy Pitts failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of his change of address, in violation of Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- F. Jeremy Pitts 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. Jeremy Pitts is suspended from the public office which he now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Jeremy Pitts 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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