

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-77
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Stephanie Teston, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 1, 2011, Stephanie Teston was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, in case number 2011CF009008, of three counts of Obtaining or Attempting to Obtain a Controlled Substance by Fraud, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 893.13(7)(a)9., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Teston 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, and January 22, 2014 this Office notified Stephanie Teston by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Stephanie Teston had moved from the address on file and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her 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 Stephanie Teston; 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 Stephanie Teston 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. Stephanie Teston is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Stephanie Teston is commissioned as a Florida notary public from April 20, 2010 through April 19, 2014.
- C. Stephanie Teston was convicted of three felonies in Duval County in 2011, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- D. Stephanie Teston failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions in Duval County in 2011, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Stephanie Teston failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- F. Stephanie Teston 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. Stephanie Teston is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Stephanie Teston 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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