

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16-130

WHEREAS, the Honorable JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER, State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that allegations have been made against Jeffery Loring Hingson for five counts of exploitation of an elderly person and one count of grand theft; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER has also advised the Governor that Jeffery Loring Hingson is related by marriage to an employee of the state attorney's office and Jeffrey Loring Hingson's brother is a candidate for sheriff in Suwannee County; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER, 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 WILLIAM N. MEGGS, State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable WILLIAM N. MEGGS discharge the duties of the Honorable JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER, 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 WILLIAM N. MEGGS, State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER, State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Jeffery Loring Hingson.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Third 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.

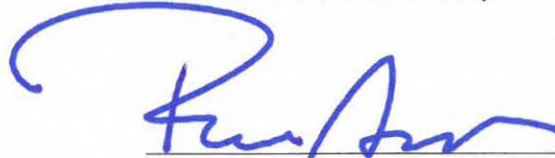
The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including May 25, 2017.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before April 25, 2017, 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 May, 2016.

  
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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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