

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-123

WHEREAS, the Honorable JACK CAMPBELL, State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Stephen B. Rice has been charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and dealing in stolen property; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JACK CAMPBELL has also advised the Governor that Stephen B. Rice is a co-occupant with two defendants whose cases have been assigned to JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER, State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Executive Order 17-37. One of the defendants, Amanda Combs, is related to an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JACK CAMPBELL, 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 JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER, State Attorney for the Third 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 JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER discharge the duties of the Honorable JACK CAMPBELL, 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 JEFFREY A. SIEGMEISTER, State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable JACK CAMPBELL, State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Stephen B. Rice.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Second 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 April 20, 2018.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before March 20, 2018, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", written over a horizontal line.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Rau", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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