

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 21-91

(State Attorney Executive Assignment)

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRIAN S. KRAMER, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that a complaint has been filed against Karl William Smith for leaving the scene of an accident with property damage to attended vehicle or other property and aggravated assault on an officer, firefighter, and/or EMT; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRIAN S. KRAMER has also advised the Governor that the victim is an employee of the state attorney's; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRIAN S. KRAMER, 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 JOHN F. DURRETT, 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 JOHN F. DURRETT discharge the duties of the Honorable BRIAN S. KRAMER pursuant to section 27.14, Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, 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 JOHN F. DURRETT, 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 BRIAN S. KRAMER, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Karl William Smith.

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

Section 3. All residents of the Eighth 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 26, 2022.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before March 26, 2022, 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 26th day of April, 2021.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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