

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 25-03

(State Attorney Executive Assignment)

WHEREAS, the Honorable AMIRA D. FOX, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Kenneth Romano is under investigation for allegations of aggravated stalking; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable AMIRA D. FOX has also advised the Governor that Kenneth Romano made allegations against the Lee County Sheriff for whom she has a professional relationship with; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable AMIRA D. FOX, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified herself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney regarding the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters regarding Kenneth Romano; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ED BRODSKY, State Attorney for the Twelfth 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 ED BRODSKY discharge the duties of the Honorable AMIRA D. FOX, 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 ED BRODSKY, State Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable AMIRA D. FOX, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, regarding the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters regarding Kenneth Romano.

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

Section 3. All residents of the Twentieth 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 January 2, 2026.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before December 2, 2025, if additional time is required.

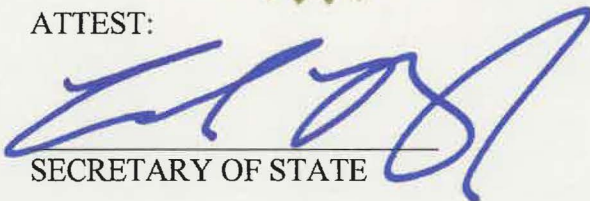
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 2nd day of January, 2025.





RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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