

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 25-78

(State Attorney Executive Assignment)

WHEREAS, the Honorable MELISSA W. NELSON, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Michael A. Youmans has been arrested for trafficking in MDMA, possession of cocaine, possession of cannabis less than 20 grams, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer without violence, driving while license suspended or revoked (2 counts), fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer, battery on a licensed security officer; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MELISSA W. NELSON has also advised the Governor that the victim in one of the cases is the spouse of an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, an arrest warrant request exists for Jose Gonzalez, the defendant in a reciprocal battery case related to the arrest of Michael A. Youmans for battery on a licensed security officer; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MELISSA W. NELSON, 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 these cases and all related matters regarding Michael A. Youmans and Jose Gonzalez; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRIAN S. KRAMER, State Attorney for the Eighth 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 BRIAN S. KRAMER discharge the duties of the Honorable MELISSA W. NELSON, 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 BRIAN S. KRAMER, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable MELISSA W. NELSON, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, regarding the investigation and prosecution of these cases and all related matters regarding Michael A. Youmans and Jose Gonzalez.

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

Section 3. All residents of the Fourth 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 10, 2026.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before March 10, 2026, 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 10th day of April, 2025.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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