

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 25-83

(Commission to Determine Mental Competency of Inmate)

WHEREAS, counsel for JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON, an inmate under a sentence of death and with a pending death warrant, has written a letter to the Governor alleging that JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON may be insane; and

WHEREAS, counsel for JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON asserts that “his rational thinking has been impaired by Delusional Disorder” evidenced by his belief in his innocence that “other individuals broke into his house and shot the victims, despite evidence conflicting with his position,” which does not demonstrate that JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON currently lacks the mental capacity to understand the nature of the death penalty and the reasons why it was imposed; and

WHEREAS, section 922.07, Florida Statutes, requires that “[w]hen the Governor is informed that a person under sentence of death may be insane, the Governor shall stay execution of the sentence and appoint a commission of three psychiatrists to examine the convicted person;” and

WHEREAS, to invoke section 922.07, an inmate must make sufficient allegations of insanity, *see Provenzano v. State*, 751 So. 2d 37, 40 (Fla. 1999); and

WHEREAS, the allegations set forth thus far that JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON is insane are insufficient assertions of insanity under section 922.07; and

WHEREAS, because the Governor’s solemn duty to execute a duly imposed sentence of death requires the exercise of utmost caution, I will nonetheless implement the requirements of section 922.07.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Florida Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, direct as follows:

A. The following psychiatrists are hereby appointed as a Commission to examine the mental condition of JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON, pursuant to section 922.07, Florida Statutes:

1. Dr. Wade Myers
2. Dr. Tonia Werner
3. Dr. Emily Lazarou

B. The above-named psychiatrists constitute the “Commission to Determine the Mental Competency of Jeffrey Glenn Hutchinson.” The Commission shall examine JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON to determine whether he understands the nature and effect of the death penalty and why it is to be imposed upon him. The examination shall take place with all three psychiatrists present at the same time. Counsel for JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON and counsel for the State, and any necessary correctional personnel, may be present at the examination. Counsel may not participate in the examination.

C. The examination shall be conducted on April 21, 2025. Upon completion of the examination, the Commission shall promptly, and by no later than close of business April 22, 2025, report its findings to my office.

D. The expenses incurred by the Commission for this examination and report shall be paid by the Department of Corrections.

E. The execution of sentence imposed upon JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON, scheduled for May 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., is hereby temporarily stayed pending receipt of the Commission's report. In the event that, after receiving the report, I decide that JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON has the mental capacity to understand the nature of the death penalty and the reasons why it is to be imposed upon him, the execution of the sentence imposed upon JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON will occur on May 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. In the event that, after receiving the Commission's report, I decide that JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON does not have the mental capacity to understand the nature of the death penalty and the reasons it is to be imposed upon him, JEFFREY GLENN HUTCHINSON will be committed to a Department of Corrections mental health treatment facility until such time as he has been restored to sanity and the sentence of death may be executed.



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 17th day of April, 2025.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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