

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 12-139

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRUCE H. COLTON, State Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that a complaint has been made against current Martin County School Board members Dr. David Anderson, Susan Hershey, and Laurie Gaylord and former Martin County School Board member Lori Shekailo for allegations of violations of the Sunshine Law; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRUCE H. COLTON has also advised the Governor that Susan Hershey is the wife of a sitting county court judge, who is also a former assistant state attorney in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, and Susan Hershey is also a close friend of the state attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRUCE H. COLTON, to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or 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 STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable STEPHEN B. RUSSELL discharge the duties of the Honorable BRUCE H. COLTON, 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, do hereby issue the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

Section 1.

The Honorable STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is hereby assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable BRUCE H. COLTON, State Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution and all matters related to Dr. David Anderson, Susan Hershey, Laurie Gaylord, and Lori Shekailo.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit are requested, and all public officials are directed, to cooperate and render whatever assistance is necessary to the Assigned State Attorney, to the end that justice may be served.

Section 4.

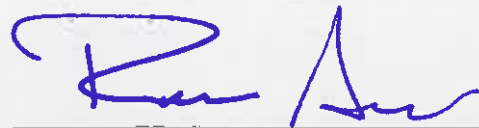
The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including June 22, 2013.

Section 5.

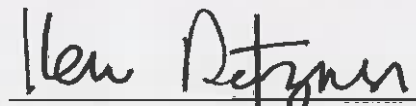
The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before May 22, 2013, if additional time is required.

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 22nd day of June, 2012.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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