

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 12-260

WHEREAS, the Honorable STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Jessica Elizabeth Mead has been arrested for resisting without violence and reckless driving; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, has further advised that Megan Jessica Mead is related to an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, 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 this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable EARL MORELAND, 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 interest of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable EARL MORELAND be assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, 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, issue the following Executive Order effective immediately:

Section 1.

The Honorable EARL MORELAND, 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 STEPHEN B. RUSSELL, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to Jessica Elizabeth Mead.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney or one or more Assistant State Attorneys and Investigators, which 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 November 21, 2013.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before October 21, 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 21st day of November, 2012.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Rick Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ken Detzner", is written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE