

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 12-47

WHEREAS, the Honorable R. J. LARIZZA, State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that allegations have been made against James Thomas Sims and David Page Hayes for four counts of sale of deer taken illegally and allegations have been made against Gerard Francis Haley, Jr. for one count of armed trespassing and three counts of sale of deer taken illegally; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable R. J. LARIZZA has also advised that James Thomas Sims is related to an employee of the state attorney's office and David Page Hayes and Gerard Francis Haley, Jr. are co-defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable R. J. LARIZZA, 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 with respect to the investigation and potential prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANGELA COREY, State Attorney for the Fourth 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 ANGELA COREY discharge the duties of the Honorable R. J. LARIZZA, 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 ANGELA COREY, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable R. J. LARIZZA, State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to James Thomas Sims, David Page Hayes, and Gerard Francis Haley, Jr.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Seventh 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 February 29, 2013.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before January 29, 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 29th day of February, 2012.



ATTEST:


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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