

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 09-147

WHEREAS, the Honorable NORMAN R. WOLFINGER, State Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor CHARLIE CRIST that Gary Stanley Bennett will be filing a 3.853 motion; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable NORMAN R. WOLFINGER has also advised the Governor that prior to his election as state attorney, while serving as chief public defender, he represented the defendant for some time on the original charges; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable NORMAN R. WOLFINGER, 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 potential prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable LAWSON L. LAMAR, State Attorney for the Ninth 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 LAWSON L. LAMAR discharge the duties of the Honorable NORMAN R. WOLFINGER, pursuant to Section 27.14, Florida Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLIE CRIST, 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 LAWSON L. LAMAR, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable NORMAN R. WOLFINGER, State Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the 3.853 motion filed by Gary Stanley Bennett.

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

Section 3.

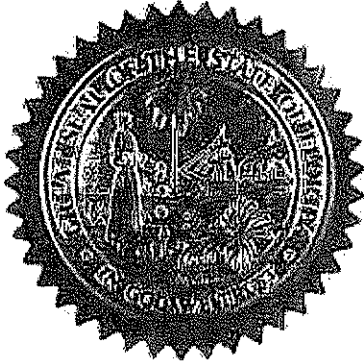
All residents of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit are requested, and all public officials are directed, to cooperate and render whatever assistance is necessary to the Assigned State Attorney, so that justice may be served.

Section 4.

The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including June 19, 2010.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before May 19, 2010, 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 19th day of June, 2009.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in black ink.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Jeff Atkinson in black ink.
SECRETARY OF STATE

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