

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-44

WHEREAS, the Honorable ARAMIS D. AYALA, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Johan Rafael Quinones has been convicted of first degree murder and the case is currently in the penalty phase; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ARAMIS D. AYALA has also advised the Governor that prior to her election as state attorney she represented the defendant in two prior cases that are being considered as sentencing aggravators in the penalty phase; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ARAMIS D. AYALA, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified herself 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 BRAD KING, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable BRAD KING discharge the duties of the Honorable ARAMIS D. AYALA, 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 BRAD KING, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable ARAMIS D. AYALA, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution , and all matters related to Johan Rafael Quinones.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Ninth 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 21, 2018.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before January 21, 2018,
if additional time is required.



**IN TESTIMONY WHERE OF ,
I there here unto set my hand and have
caused the Great Seal of the State of
Florida to be affixed.**

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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