

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 24-164 (State Attorney Executive Assignment)

WHEREAS, the Honorable MELISSA W. NELSON, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Terrance J. Graham has post-conviction proceedings pending; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRIAN S. KRAMER, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, handled the original case under Executive Order 23-27, as extended by Executive Order 24-11; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MELISSA W. NELSON has also advised the Governor that the original conflict continues to exist and 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 regarding the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters regarding Terrance J. Graham; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRIAN S. KRAMER, State Attorney for the Eighth 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 BRIAN S. KRAMER discharge the duties of the Honorable MELISSA W. NELSON, pursuant to section 27.14, Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, 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 BRIAN S. KRAMER, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable MELISSA W. NELSON, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, regarding the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters regarding Terrance J. Graham.

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

Section 3. All residents of the Fourth 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 August 7, 2025.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before July 7, 2025,
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 7th day of August, 2024.

A blue ink signature of Ron DeSantis, written in a cursive style.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of the Secretary of State, written in a cursive style.

SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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