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Honorable Charlie Crist
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

RE: Pending Law Enforcement Investigation Regarding
the Theft of Campaign Signs

Dear Governor Crist:

The Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating the alleged theft of campaign signs by Gregory Stephen Brown, II, a candidate for The House of Representatives, District 1. A long time employee of this office is a close family relative to the alleged victim in this matter. My stepson has been employed by the father of Greg Brown for a number of years.

The Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office has indicated the desire to consult with the State Attorney's Office in determining whether charges are appropriate. For this reason, time is of the essence in this matter.

Therefore, in order to avoid the appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest, I hereby request a special prosecutor from another circuit be appointed to handle this matter.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM EDDINS
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