

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 22-02 (Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution provides that the Governor may suspend from office any county officer for commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, Gary Robert Search is presently serving as a County Commissioner for Sumter County, Florida, District 1, having been elected in 2020 to serve a four-year term; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2021, Gary Robert Search was charged by Information with the felony charge of perjury in an official proceeding, in violation of section 837.02(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, a violation of section 837.02(1), Florida Statutes, constitutes a felony in the third degree; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of Sumter County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Gary Robert Search be immediately suspended from the public office that he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a), find as follows:

- A. Gary Robert Search is, and at all times material hereto was, County Commissioner, District 1, Sumter County, Florida.
- B. The office of County Commissioner, District 1, Sumter County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a).

C. The Information alleges that Gary Robert Search has committed felony acts in violation of the Laws of Florida. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Information, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section 1. Gary Robert Search is suspended from the public office, that he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner, District 1, Sumter County, Florida.

Section 2. Gary Robert Search is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at the Capital, Tallahassee, Florida, this 6th day of January, 2022.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

FILED

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

CASE NO 21-CF-4602 BZ

vs.

GARY ROBERT SEARCH (A) W/M, 08/05/1950

INFORMATION

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

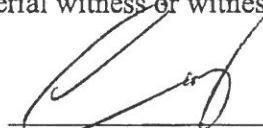
WILLIAM M GLADSON, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for Marion County prosecuting for the State of Florida, by and through the undersigned Assistant State Attorney, in the said County, under oath, information makes that, in the County of Marion, and the State of Florida:

**COUNT I: PERJURY IN AN OFFICIAL PROCEEDING (F3)
837.02(1)**

GARY ROBERT SEARCH on or about August 17, 2021, did unlawfully and feloniously commit perjury in an official proceeding, to-wit: a criminal investigation by the Officer of the State Attorney, by making a false oath or written affidavit before a person duly authorized to administer oaths, to-wit: Russel J. Suess, Chief Investigator of the Office of the State Attorney, in that GARY ROBERT SEARCH did willfully, corruptly and falsely swear under oath to certain material facts, to-wit: he denied having telephone contact with Sumter County Commissioner Oren Miller and he stated that his contact with Angela Fox was on his home phone, that GARY ROBERT SEARCH knew to be false and untrue, in violation of Florida Statute 837.02(1)

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF MARION

Personally appeared before me, WILLIAM M GLADSON, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, State of Florida, in and for Marion County, or his duly designated Assistant State Attorney, who first being sworn, says that the allegations as set forth in the foregoing information are based upon facts that have been sworn to as true, and which if true, would constitute the offense therein charged. Prosecution instituted in good faith and subscribed under oath, certifying he or she has received testimony under oath from the material witness or witnesses of the offense.



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STATE OF FLORIDA
VS
GARY ROBERT SEARCH et al

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of December, 2021.

Heather M. Deutsch

Affiant Personally Known to Notary Public

FCIC REFERENCE NUMBERS:

1) PERJURY IN AN OFFICIAL PROCEEDING 5003

