

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-113

(Executive Order of Suspension)

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

**WHEREAS**, Gina Singletary McDowell is presently serving as Supervisor of Elections for Liberty County, Florida, having been elected in August 2012 and subsequently took office in January 1, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2020, Gina Singletary McDowell was arrested for felony charges of organized scheme to defraud \$20,000 or more, but less than \$50,000, in violation of section 817.034(4)(a)2, Florida Statutes, and official misconduct (two counts) in violation of section 838.022(1)(a); and

**WHEREAS**, violation of section 817.034(4)(a)2, Florida Statutes, constitute a felony of the second degree and violation of section 838.022(1)(a), Florida Statutes, constitutes a felony of the third degree; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Liberty County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Gina Singletary McDowell be immediately suspended from the public office, which she 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. Gina Singletary McDowell, and at all times material hereto was, Supervisor of Elections for Liberty County, Florida.

- B. The office of Supervisor of Elections, Liberty County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a).
- C. The attached Arrest Warrant allege that Gina Singletary has committed felony acts in violation of the Laws of Florida. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Arrest Warrant which are 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. Gina Singletary McDowell is suspended from the public office, which she now holds, to wit: Supervisor of Elections for Liberty County, Florida.

Section 2. Gina Singletary McDowell 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 1st day of May, 2020.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

# In the County Court Liberty County, Florida

STATE OF FLORIDA

Vs.

Gina Singletary McDowell

Defendant.

## WARRANT

12998 Hoccake Road, Bristol, FL 32321

Address.

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

TO ALL AND SINGULAR THE SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA

Warrant #

Agency Case # EI-11-0068

Officer I.D. # 1202

Charge: Organized Fraud  
Count 1

Degree of Charge: 2nd Felony

Statute No. : 817.034(4)(a)2

DOB: 12-01-1973

Sex: Female

Race: White Hgt: 5'0"

Wgt: N/A Hair: Blonde

Eyes: Blue

SSN: [REDACTED]

FL DL# M234-297-73-941-0

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Inspector Troy K, Cope, who on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2020, in Liberty County, Florida, being first duly sworn says that, the aforesaid defendant:

From August 21, 2016, through March 2, 2020, Liberty County Supervisor of Elections (LCSOE) Gina Singletary McDowell, with her boyfriend, Nolan Kobe Pigott, engaged in an ongoing pattern of fraudulent activity when they willfully and knowingly used the LCSOE Office's Operating Fund to conduct 217 combined personal transactions, which she concealed through misrepresentations in the LCSOE General Ledger, and totaled \$42,710.78 in fraudulent losses to the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners; in violation of Florida State Statute §817.034(4)(a)(2), a second degree felony.

Contrary to the statute, rule regulation or other provision of law in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to command you to arrest instanter the aforesaid defendant and bring him or her before me to be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
Judge

Sjostrom

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Officer I.D. # 1202

Charge: Organized Fraud  
Count 2

Degree of Charge: 3rd Felony

Statute No. : 838.022(1)(a)

DOB: 12-01-1973

Sex: Female

Race: White Hgt: 5'0"

Wgt: N/A Hair: Blonde

Eyes: Blue

SSN: [REDACTED]

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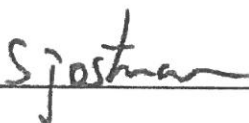
Liberty County Supervisor of Elections (LCSOE) Gina Singletary McDowell, an elected public servant, committed official misconduct by knowingly and intentionally obtaining a benefit for her and/or Nolan Kobe Pigott when she submitted to CPA Moran (on or after October 1, 2018), the LCSOE Office General Ledger for fiscal year 2017-2018 as an official record of the LCSOE Office finances, which she knew to contain her intentional misrepresentations of their personal expenditures, with the intent to conceal their fraudulent misappropriation/use of the LCSOE Office's Operating Funds and LCSOE Office's Capital One credit card; in violation of Florida State Statute §838.022(1)(a), a third-degree felony.

Contrary to the statute, rule regulation or other provision of law in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to command you to arrest instanter the aforesaid defendant and bring him or her before me to be dealt with according to law.

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Charge: Organized Fraud  
Count 3

Degree of Charge: 3rd Felony

Statute No. : 838.022(1)(a)

DOB: 12-01-1973

Sex: Female

Race: White Hgt: 5'0"

Wgt: N/A Hair: Blonde

Eyes: Blue

SSN: [REDACTED]

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Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Inspector Troy K, Cope (Your Affiant), who on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2020, in Liberty County, Florida, being first duly sworn says that, the aforesaid defendant:

Liberty County Supervisor of Elections (LCSOE) Gina Singletary McDowell, an elected public servant, committed official misconduct by knowingly and intentionally obtaining a benefit for her and/or Nolan Kobe Pigott when she submitted to Your Affiant (on March 2, 2020), the LCSOE Office General Ledger for fiscal year 2017-2018 as an official record of the LCSOE Office finances, which she knew to contain her intentional misrepresentations of their personal expenditures, with the intent to conceal their fraudulent misappropriation/use of the LCSOE Office's Operating Funds and LCSOE Office's Capital One credit card; in violation of Florida State Statute §838.022(1)(a), a third-degree felony.

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WARRANT

One (1) Count of Organized Fraud - Second Degree Felony

Two (2) Counts of Official Misconduct - Third Degree Felony

THE AMOUNT OF BAIL IN THIS CASE IS HEREBY SET IN THE SUM OF

\$ Pretrial Release

Conditions: No contact with election office,  
co-defendant or witnesses.

A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading "J. [unclear]", is written over the conditions of release.