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July 29, 2025

The Honorable Brandon Brown Newsom  
1450 Mitchell Road  
Ponce de Leon, Florida 32455

Dear Mr. Newsome:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 112.40, Florida Statutes, we are sending you a copy of Executive Order Number 25-152 relating to your suspension as County Commissioner of Holmes County, Florida, District 2.

Sincerely,

Ikay L. Reeve, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

ILR/ck

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable James Uthmeier, Attorney General  
Ms. Tracy C. Cantella, Secretary of the Senate

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# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 25-152 (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 the commission of a felony; and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon Brown Newsom is presently serving as County Commissioner for Holmes County, Florida, District 2; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 15, 2025, Brandon Brown Newsom was charged by Information with one count of unlawful bail bond activity in violation of section 648.44(2), Florida Statutes, and one count of aiding or abetting an unlicensed bail bond agent in violation of section 648.30(5), Florida Statutes, each of which constitute a third-degree felony under Florida law; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the residents of Holmes County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Brandon Brown Newsom be immediately suspended from the public office which 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) of the Florida Constitution, find as follows:

A. Brandon Brown Newsom is, and at all times material was, a County Commissioner for Holmes County, Florida, District 2.

B. The office of County Commissioner, District 2, Holmes County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution.

C. The attached Information, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order, alleges that Brandon Brown Newsom committed felonies under the laws of the State of Florida.

**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. Brandon Brown Newsom is suspended from the public office which he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner, District 2, Holmes County, Florida.

Section 2. Brandon Brown Newsom 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 a 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 Tallahassee, this 28th day of July, 2025.

  
RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HOLMES COUNTY

State of Florida,

Case Number: 302025CF00268A

vs.

Charges:

BRANDON BROWN NEWSOM  
W/M DOB: 07/19/1985  
1450 Mitchell Road  
Ponce de Leon, FL 32455

- I) UNLAWFUL BAIL BOND AGENTS OR  
EMPLOYEES
- II) AIDING OR ABETTING AN UNLICENSED  
BAIL BOND AGENT

INFORMATION

Megan Ford, Assistant State Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, duly appointed and designated to sign Informations on behalf of Larry Basford, State Attorney, prosecuting for said State of Florida, in the name and by the authority of the State of Florida, in the County of Holmes, under oath informs the Court that:

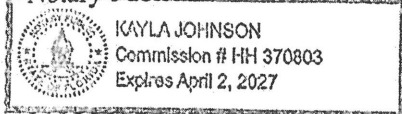
COUNT I: Brandon Brown Newsom, on or about January 2, 2023, in the County of Holmes and State of Florida, did, while a jailer, person employed in a jail, police officer, employee of a police department or law enforcement agency, committing trial court judge, employee of a court, or employee of the clerk of a court, sheriff, deputy sheriff, employee of a sheriff's department, attorneys, person having the power to arrest, or person who have authority over or control of federal, state, county, or municipal prisoners, become a bail bond agent or employee of a bail bond agent or agency and directly or indirectly received benefits from the execution of a bail bond, contrary to Florida Statute 648.44(2). (F3-L1)

COUNT II: Brandon Brown Newsom, on or about January 2, 2023, in the County of Holmes and State of Florida, did, while Brandon Brown Newsom licensed as a bail bond agent under Florida Statute 648.30, aid or abet an unlicensed person to violate Florida Statute 648.30, contrary to Florida Statute 648.30(5). (F3 - L1)

Megan Ford, as Assistant State Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, under oath, states that the allegations set forth in this Information are based on facts that have been sworn to as true, under oath by material witness(es), and which, if true, would constitute the offense therein charged, and this Information is filed in good faith.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025, by Megan Ford, who is personally known to me and did take an oath.

Notary Public



LARRY BASFORD  
STATE ATTORNEY  
14<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT

By

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