

# Supreme Court of Florida

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2007

CASE NO.: SC07-1128

STATEWIDE GRAND JURY #18

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## **ORDER DIRECTING IMPANELMENT OF A STATEWIDE GRAND JURY**

THE COURT, having considered the Petition of the Honorable Charles J. Crist, Jr., Governor of Florida, for an order to impanel a statewide grand jury, and being fully advised of the relevant matters, hereby finds as follows:

A. The Petitioner, Charles J. Crist, Jr., Governor of Florida, has shown good and sufficient reason exists and that it is in the public interest to impanel a statewide grand jury, with jurisdiction throughout the State of Florida, to investigate crime, return indictments, make presentments, and otherwise perform all functions of a grand jury with regard to the offenses of:

- (1) bribery, burglary, car jacking, home-invasion robbery, criminal usury, extortion, gambling, kidnaping, larceny, murder, prostitution, perjury, and robbery;
- (2) crimes involving narcotic or other dangerous drugs;
- (3) any violation of the provisions of the Florida RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization) Act, including any offense listed in the definition of racketeering activity in section 895.02(1)(a), Fla. Stat., providing such listed offense is investigated in connection with a violation of section 895.03, Fla. Stat., the prosecution of which listed offense may continue independently if the prosecution of the violation of section 895.03 is terminated for any reason;
- (4) any violation of the provisions of the Florida Anti-Fencing Act (Chapter 812, Fla. Stat.);
- (5) any violation of the provisions of the Florida Antitrust Act of 1980, as amended;

- (6) any violation of the provisions of Chapter 815, Fla. Stat. (computer crimes);
- (7) any crime involving, or resulting in, fraud or deceit upon any person;
- (8) any violation of section 847.0135, Fla. Stat., section 847.0137, Fla. Stat., or section 847.0138, Fla. Stat., relating to computer pornography and child exploitation prevention, or any offense related to violations of section 847.0135, section 847.0137, or section 847.0138;
- (9) any criminal violation of Part I of chapter 499, Fla. Stat.;
- (10) any criminal violation of sections 409.920 or 409.9201, Fla. Stat.; or
- (11) any attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit any violation of the crimes specifically enumerated above.

B. The matters to be inquired into are offenses occurring, or having occurred, in two or more judicial circuits as part of a related transaction or when any such offenses are connected with an organized criminal activity, including but not limited to gang activity, throughout the State affecting two or more judicial circuits.

WHEREFORE, THE COURT, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 905.31 through 905.40, Florida Statutes, Statewide Grand Jury Act, hereby orders as follows:

1. A statewide grand jury shall be promptly impaneled for a term of twelve calendar months, to run from the date of impanelment, with jurisdiction throughout the State of Florida, to investigate crime, return indictments, make presentments, and otherwise perform all functions of grand jury with regard to the offenses stated herein.

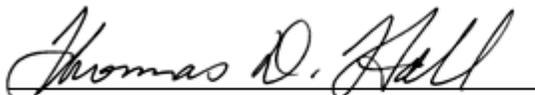
2. The statewide grand jury shall be drawn from the certified jury lists submitted by the chief judges of the Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth Judicial Circuits.

3. The Honorable Kathleen J. Kroll, Chief Judge in and for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, is designated as presiding judge over the statewide grand jury. In her capacity as the presiding judge, the Honorable Kathleen J. Kroll shall maintain judicial supervision of the statewide grand jury, and all indictments, presentments, and formal returns of any kind made by such grand jury shall be returned to the presiding judge. The presiding judge may designate an alternate presiding judge in the event of calendar conflicts or otherwise and to assist in the administrative process of the statewide grand jury.

4. Thomas D. Hall, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, is hereby designated clerk of this statewide grand jury and is empowered to deputize any clerk of a circuit court or any deputy clerk of a circuit court to issue necessary process and to carry out the administrative functions of the statewide grand jury.

LEWIS, C.J., and WELLS, ANSTEAD, PARIENTE, QUINCE, CANTERO, and BELL, JJ., concur.

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Test:

  
Thomas D. Hall  
Clerk, Supreme Court



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Served:

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