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EXTERNAL SENDER

Good morning, Ms. Monahan.

Attached please find complaint records regarding Governor DeSantis. I did not find any formal or informal opinion requests by the Governor or opinions requested on his behalf. One member of our legal team is out of the office this week, so any additional responsive records will be provided next week.

Sincerely,

Kerrie Stillman  
Deputy Executive Director  
Florida Commission on Ethics  
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September 19, 2019

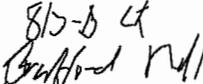
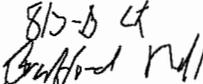
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September 16, 2019

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RON DESANTIS  
400 S. MONROE STREET  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399

**Confidential**

RE: Complaint No. 19-160, In re RON DESANTIS

Dear RON DESANTIS:

The above-captioned complaint, recently received in the office of the Commission on Ethics, is being transmitted to you pursuant to the requirements of Section 112.324, Florida Statutes. This office will forward all future correspondence in this matter to you at the above-listed mailing address unless otherwise notified of a change in your address. This transmittal is a routine administrative requirement which should not be construed as an approval, disapproval, or judgment of the complaint, either as to its terminology or merits.

Please note that this complaint, as well as all of the Commission's proceedings and records relating to the complaint, remain confidential either until you make a written request to the Commission that such records be made public or until the complaint reaches a stage in the Commission's proceedings where it becomes public. Unless we receive a written waiver of confidentiality from you, our office is not free to release any documents or to comment on this complaint to members of the public or the press, so long as the complaint remains in a confidential stage. The Commission's procedures on confidentiality do not govern the actions of the complainant or the respondent.

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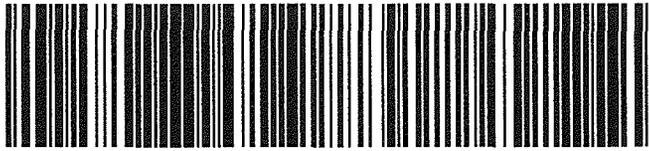
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Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: DARNELL THOMPSON, Complainant



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RETURN RECEIPT (ELECTRONIC)

19-160

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1471 SW 7TH TERRACE  
DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33441

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# COMPLAINT

## 19-160

ORIGINAL

### 1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Darnell Thompson Telephone Number: 954-263-3992  
 Address: 1471 SW 7th Terrace  
 City: Deerfield Beach County: Broward State: FL Zip Code: 33441

### 2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

Use a separate complaint form for each person you wish to complain against:

Name: Bon De Santis Telephone Number: 1-950-717-9337  
 Address: The Capitol, FL-01  
 City: Tallahassee County: Leon Zip Code: 32392  
 Title of office or position held or sought: Governor

### 3. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Please provide a full explanation of your complaint, describing the facts and the actions of the person named above and why you believe he or she violated the law. Include relevant dates and the names and addresses of persons whom you believe may be witnesses. Please do not submit more than 15 pages, including this form. Please do not submit video or audio tapes, CDs, DVDs, flash drives or other electronic media; such material will not be considered part of the complaint and will be returned.

### 4. OATH

I, the person bringing this complaint, do swear or affirm that the facts set forth in the foregoing complaint and attachments thereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
 COUNTY OF BROWARD

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER,  
 20 19, by DARNELL ANTWAN THOMPSON  
 (name of person making statement)

[Signature]  
 SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

[Signature]  
 (Signature of Notary Public)  
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 STATE OF FLORIDA  
 Comm# GG288288  
 Expires 1/21/2023  
 (Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known      OR Produced Identification   
 Type of Identification Produced: FL DRIVERS LICENSE  
7512-161-84-095-0

## Statement of Facts

(Page 1)

The Governor "Ron De Santis" Courtesy of his Governor's Cabinet is currently violating a Public Trust and the Ethics Laws of the State of Florida by Purposely Depriving Convicted Felons of the Automatic Restoration of their Civil Rights which was provided as a Amendment to the Florida Constitution in 2019 by the Governor and his Cabinet.

Currently the Governor has Amended the Florida Constitution since attaining the office of the Governor and as one Constitutionally amended promised the Restoration of the Right to vote to all convicted felons who are non-violent.

I now feel that the Governor is Purposely Depriving me a convicted felon of the Restoration of my Civil Rights specifically for the Right to vote by failing to issue a Certificate of the Restoration of my Civil Rights from the Governor's office or the Governor's Cabinet which Resolves and Oversees the Clemency Process in Florida.

### Violation of a Public Trust

1) On January 9, 2019 - The Governor Publicly amended the Florida Constitution promising to restore all Rights and Privileges to all convicted felons in Florida by way of Amendment 4 But has Immediately violated the Public Trust of Amendment 4 and has failed to Restore Civil Rights to all convicted felons.

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The Governor has violated The Public Trust of Amendment 4 Purpose 1) To Deprive Convicted felons of The Restoration of Their Civil Rights by committing the following actions:

- 1) The Governor and his office has immediately Denied all acknowledgment of The Florida Constitutional Amendment 4 Civil Right which was just recently put in place and has removed The Responsibility of Providing The Restoration of Civil Rights Regarding Amendment 4 from The Governor's Cabinet which oversees The Clemency Process Down to The local County Supervisor of Elections Department.

This action by The Governor's Cabinet of authorizing The local County Supervisor of Elections Department to oversee Amendment 4 Purpose 1) Deprives Convicted felons of Their Constitutional Amendment Civil Right by Removing The Responsibility of Restoring Their Civil Right from The Governor's Cabinet.

no Certificate of Restoration for Your Civil Right can be attained from The local County Supervisor of Elections Department Regarding Amendment 4 Therefore I feel This action by The Governor's Cabinet of authorizing The local Supervisor of Elections Department to oversee Amendment 4 Deprives Convicted felons Purpose 1) of The Restoration of Their Civil Rights.

(Page 3)

## In conclusion

The Governor has failed to restore the right to vote to all convicted felons in Florida, The Governor has violated a Public Trust of a Florida Constitutional Amendment Civil Right which was put in by his office.

### Facts

- 1) no Certificate or verification of The Restoration of The Right to vote can be provided by any office in The State.
- 2) The Florida Commission on offender Review has no acknowledgement of The Florida Constitutional Amendment Civil Right called Amendment 4 and The Restoration of The Right to vote which it provides.
- 3) The local County Supervisor of Elections Department's Issues no verification or Certificate of The Restoration of The Right to vote.
- 4) The Governor Issues no verification or Sub-Agency which can provide verification or a Certificate of The Restoration of The Right to vote.
- 5) A Single Voter's Registration Card without verification or a Certificate of The Restoration of The Right to vote Deprives a convicted felon of his Florida Constitutional Amendment Civil Right to vote.

(Page 4)

Sought after Relief

- 1) Investigate why the Governor has given the authority to restore convicted felons rights to vote to the local Supervisor of Elections Department instead of the Governor's Cabinet which oversees the Clemency Process.
- 2) Second - Investigate why the Governor and his Cabinet provides no Certificate of Restoration for your civil rights to vote as verification that your civil rights has been restored from their office.
- 3) Third - Verify and confirm that I am purposefully being deprived of my Florida Constitutional Amendment Civil Rights which has been promised to me as Amendment 4.

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

CONFIDENTIAL

In re RON DeSANTIS, )  
 )  
 Respondent. )  
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Complaint No. 19-160

PUBLIC REPORT AND ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT

On Friday, October 25, 2019, the Commission on Ethics met in its executive session and considered this complaint for legal sufficiency pursuant to Commission Rule 34-5.002, F.A.C. The Commission's review was limited to questions of jurisdiction of the Commission and of the adequacy of the details of the complaint to allege a violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. No factual investigation preceded the review, and therefore the Commission's conclusions do not reflect on the accuracy of the allegations of the complaint.

The Commission voted to dismiss the complaint for lack of legal sufficiency, based on the following analysis:

1. This complaint was filed by Darnell Thompson, of Deerfield Beach, Florida.
2. The Respondent, Ron DeSantis, serves as Governor of the State of Florida.
3. The complaint asserts that the Respondent has failed to implement properly a recently approved amendment to the State Constitution that restored the voting rights of Floridians with certain felony convictions. In particular, the complaint claims the Respondent has removed his Cabinet's responsibility to implement the amendment—despite his Cabinet's role in the clemency process—and has made it difficult for qualified felons to obtain a certificate restoring their voting rights.

4. The only provision in the Code of Ethics relevant to the complaint's allegations is Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, which states:

MISUSE OF PUBLIC POSITION.--No public officer, employee of an agency, or local government attorney shall corruptly use or attempt to use his or her official position or any property or resource which may be within his or her trust, or perform his or her official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption for himself, herself, or others.

Section 112.312(9), Florida Statutes, defines "corruptly" as

. . . done with a wrongful intent and for the purpose of obtaining, or compensating or receiving compensation for, any benefit resulting from some act or omission of a public servant which is inconsistent with the proper performance of his or her public duties.

5. The allegations in paragraph 3 fail to indicate a possible violation by the Respondent of Section 112.313(6). In order to indicate a possible violation of this provision, a complaint must substantively allege that a respondent corruptly used or attempted to use his public position or resources within his public trust, or that he corruptly performed his official duties, in order to benefit himself or another. Here, the complaint does not allege, in a factual, nonconclusory manner, any private capacity benefit to the Respondent from his alleged conduct, or to anyone with whom he had a private capacity nexus, as would be supportive of the "corruption" required under the statute. Moreover, it is not inconsistent with the Respondent's proper performance of his public duties, or wrongful, for him to become involved in the implementation of the law.

Accordingly, this complaint is hereby dismissed for failure to constitute a legally sufficient complaint with the issuance of this public report.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in executive session  
on Friday, October 25, 2019.

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Date Rendered

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Kimberly B. Rezanka  
*Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics*

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cc: Mr. Darnell Thompson, Respondent  
Mr. Ron DeSantis, Complainant

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cc: Mr. Ron DeSantis, Respondent  
Mr. Darnell Thompson, Complainant



October 9, 2019

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October 7, 2019

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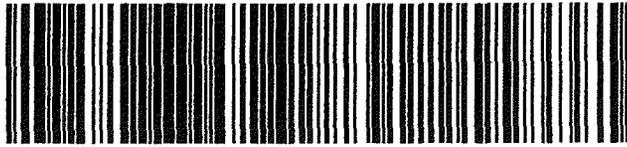


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cc: JOHN LUNDIN, Complainant

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE  
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In re RON DESANTIS, )  
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 Respondent. )  
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Complaint No. 19-175

PUBLIC REPORT AND ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT

On Friday, December 6, 2019, the Commission on Ethics met in executive session and considered this complaint for legal sufficiency pursuant to Commission Rule 34-5.002, F.A.C. The Commission's review was limited to questions of jurisdiction of the Commission and of the adequacy of the details of the complaint to allege a violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. No factual investigation preceded the review, and therefore the Commission's conclusions do not reflect on the accuracy of the allegations of the complaint.

The Commission voted to dismiss the complaint for lack of legal sufficiency, based on the following analysis:

1. This complaint was filed by John Lundin of Davie, Florida.
2. The Respondent, Ron DeSantis, serves as Governor of the State of Florida.
3. The complaint essentially alleges that the Respondent misused his public position and/or resources within his public trust when his office suspended and removed Sheriff Scott Israel from the office of Broward County Sheriff.
4. The complaint cites Section 112.311(6), Florida Statutes, as being implicated by the Respondent's alleged conduct. Section 112.311(6), Florida Statutes, states:

It is declared to be the policy of the state that public officers and employees, state and local, are agents of the people and hold their positions for the benefit of the public. They are bound to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State Constitution and to perform efficiently and faithfully their duties under the laws of the federal, state, and local governments. Such officers and employees are bound to observe, in their official acts, the highest standards of ethics consistent with this code and the advisory opinions rendered with respect hereto regardless of personal considerations, recognizing that promoting the public interest and maintaining the respect of the people in their government must be of foremost concern.

5. The text of Section 112.311(6), Florida Statutes, details the Legislature's intent that public officers and employees be bound to perform their duties in accordance with state and federal law, be held to high standards, and maintain their positions for the benefit of the public. This subsection is not itself a standard of conduct for public officers and employees, but an expression of intent that public officers and employees act in accordance with the standards expressed elsewhere in state and federal law. To the extent that this provision does not lay out, with particularity, a specific standard of conduct, it is not a provision that can be violated.

6. Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is implicated by allegations in the complaint. Section 112.313(6) states:

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Accordingly, this complaint is hereby dismissed for failure to constitute a legally sufficient complaint with the issuance of this public report.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in executive session  
on Friday, December 6, 2019.

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Date Rendered

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Kimberly B. Rezanka  
*Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics*

KBR/sjz

cc: Governor Ron DeSantis, Respondent  
Mr. John Lundin, Complainant

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re RON DESANTIS, )  
 )  
 Respondent. )  
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Complaint No. 19-175

**PUBLIC REPORT AND ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT**

On Friday, December 6, 2019, the Commission on Ethics met in executive session and considered this complaint for legal sufficiency pursuant to Commission Rule 34-5.002, F.A.C. The Commission's review was limited to questions of jurisdiction of the Commission and of the adequacy of the details of the complaint to allege a violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. No factual investigation preceded the review, and therefore the Commission's conclusions do not reflect on the accuracy of the allegations of the complaint.

The Commission voted to dismiss the complaint for lack of legal sufficiency, based on the following analysis:

1. This complaint was filed by John Lundin of Davie, Florida.
2. The Respondent, Ron DeSantis, serves as Governor of the State of Florida.
3. The complaint essentially alleges that the Respondent misused his public position and/or resources within his public trust when his office suspended and removed Sheriff Scott Israel from the office of Broward County Sheriff.
4. The complaint cites Section 112.311(6), Florida Statutes, as being implicated by the Respondent's alleged conduct. Section 112.311(6), Florida Statutes, states:

It is declared to be the policy of the state that public officers and employees, state and local, are agents of the people and hold their positions for the benefit of the public. They are bound to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State Constitution and to perform efficiently and faithfully their duties under the laws of the federal, state, and local governments. Such officers and employees are bound to observe, in their official acts, the highest standards of ethics consistent with this code and the advisory opinions rendered with respect hereto regardless of personal considerations, recognizing that promoting the public interest and maintaining the respect of the people in their government must be of foremost concern.

5. The text of Section 112.311(6), Florida Statutes, details the Legislature's intent that public officers and employees be bound to perform their duties in accordance with state and federal law, be held to high standards, and maintain their positions for the benefit of the public. This subsection is not itself a standard of conduct for public officers and employees, but an expression of intent that public officers and employees act in accordance with the standards expressed elsewhere in state and federal law. To the extent that this provision does not lay out, with particularity, a specific standard of conduct, it is not a provision that can be violated.

6. Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is implicated by allegations in the complaint. Section 112.313(6) states:

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*Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics*

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cc: Governor Ron DeSantis, Respondent  
Mr. John Lundin, Complainant



October 16, 2019

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October 10, 2019

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RON DESANTIS  
400 S. MONROE STREET  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399

**Confidential**

RE: Complaint No. 19-177, In re RON DESANTIS

Dear RON DESANTIS:

The above-captioned complaint, recently received in the office of the Commission on Ethics, is being transmitted to you pursuant to the requirements of Section 112.324, Florida Statutes. This office will forward all future correspondence in this matter to you at the above-listed mailing address unless otherwise notified of a change in your address. This transmittal is a routine administrative requirement which should not be construed as an approval, disapproval, or judgment of the complaint, either as to its terminology or merits.

Please note that this complaint, as well as all of the Commission's proceedings and records relating to the complaint, remain confidential either until you make a written request to the Commission that such records be made public or until the complaint reaches a stage in the Commission's proceedings where it becomes public. Unless we receive a written waiver of confidentiality from you, our office is not free to release any documents or to comment on this complaint to members of the public or the press, so long as the complaint remains in a confidential stage. The Commission's procedures on confidentiality do not govern the actions of the complainant or the respondent.

The following information is submitted to aid you in understanding the review that a complaint may go through under the Commission's rules. The first stage in our complaint process is a determination of whether the allegations of the complaint are legally sufficient, that is, whether they indicate a possible violation of any law over which the Commission has jurisdiction. If the complaint is found not to be legally sufficient, the Commission will order that the complaint be dismissed without investigation and all records relating to the complaint will become public at that time.

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October 10, 2019

If the complaint is legally sufficient but pertains solely to allegations of errors or omissions in financial disclosure forms, a determination will be made as to whether the error(s) or omissions(s) are significant to investigate. If the error(s) or omissions(s) are determined to be minor or inconsequential, you will be so notified and will be given 30 days in which to correct the error(s) or omission(s). If the correction is made, the complaint will be dismissed. If no correction is made, the complaint will advance to the next step in the process.

If the complaint is found to be legally sufficient, a preliminary investigation will be undertaken by the investigative staff of the Commission. The next stage of the Commission's proceedings involves the preliminary investigation of the complaint and a decision by the Commission of whether there is probable cause to believe that there has been a violation of any of the ethics laws. If the complaint is investigated, you and the complainant will be given an opportunity to speak with the investigator. You also will be sent a copy of our investigative report prior to any action by the Commission and will be given the opportunity to respond to the report in writing.

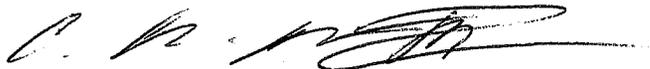
If the Commission finds that there is no probable cause to believe that there has been a violation of the ethics laws, the complaint will be dismissed and will become public at that time.

If the Commission finds that there is probable cause to believe there has been a violation of the ethics laws, the complaint becomes public and enters the last stage of proceedings, which requires that the Commission decide whether the law actually was violated and, if so, whether a penalty should be recommended. At this stage, you have the right to request a public hearing (trial) at which evidence would be presented, or the Commission may order that such a hearing be held. Public hearings usually are held in or near the area where the alleged violation occurred.

You are entitled to be represented by legal counsel during our proceedings. Upon written request, documents and notices regarding the complaint will be provided to your attorney.

If you are unfamiliar with the ethics laws and the Commission's responsibilities, I encourage you to access our website at [www.ethics.state.fl.us](http://www.ethics.state.fl.us), where you will find publications, rules, and other information. If there are any questions concerning this complaint or the procedures being followed by the Commission, please feel free to contact Ms. Millie Fulford, our Complaint Coordinator, at (850) 488-7864.

Sincerely,

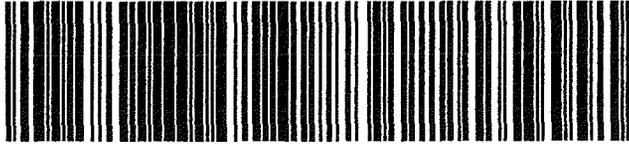


C. Christopher Anderson, III  
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: JESSICA CANDAME, Complainant

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE  
PO BOX 15709  
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# COMPLAINT 19-177

### 1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Jessica Candame Telephone Number: (786) 344-8210  
Address: 5601 W 10 Ave  
City: Mialeah County: Ft Miami Dade State: FL Zip Code: 33012

### 2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

Use a separate complaint form for each person you wish to complain against:  
Name: Governor Ron DeSantis Telephone Number: (850) 717-9337  
Address: 400 S. Monroe St  
City: Tallahassee County: 1 Zip Code: 32399  
Title of office or position held or sought: Governor

### 3. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Please provide a full explanation of your complaint, describing the facts and the actions of the person named above and why you believe he or she violated the law. Include relevant dates and the names and addresses of persons whom you believe may be witnesses. Please do not submit more than 15 pages, including this form. Please do not submit video or audio tapes, CDs, DVDs, flash drives or other electronic media; such material will not be considered part of the complaint and will be returned.

### 4. OATH

I, the person bringing this complaint, do swear or affirm that the facts set forth in the foregoing complaint and attachments thereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

STATE OF Florida  
COUNTY OF Miami Dade

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this  
3rd day of October,  
20 19, by Jessica Marie Candame  
(name of person making statement)

Jessica Candame  
SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

[Signature]  
(Signature of Notary Public)  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
Comm# GG164080  
(Print, Type, or Stamp Name of Commissioned Notary Public)

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification   
Type of Identification Produced: FL DL C535-433-82-870-0

Ignoring several complaints  
about State Attorney in  
Miami, pertaining to child support  
modification and hold on \$1200+  
by the State Attorney awaiting  
signature by a judge. Proof  
of ex husband Rauli Candame  
owning 24 cars, boat, and 12  
corporations that generate profit.  
He only paid \$330 a month in child support.

Jessica Lores vs Rauli Candame

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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In re RON DESANTIS,  
  
Respondent.

Complaint No. 19-177

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cc: Mr. Ron DeSantis, Respondent  
Ms. Jessica Candame, Complainant

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