

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-182 (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**, Fred Wilbur Hawkins is presently serving as County Commissioner for Osceola County, Florida, District 5, having been elected in June 2008 and subsequently reelected for two additional terms; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 30, 2020, Fred Wilbur Hawkins was charged by Information for the felony charge of impersonating a law enforcement officer, in violation of section 843.08, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, violation of section 843.08, Florida Statutes, constitute a felony in the third degree; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Osceola County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Fred Wilbur Hawkins 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), find as follows:

- A. Fred Wilbur Hawkins is, and at all times material hereto was, County Commissioner, District 5, Osceola County, Florida.
- B. The office of County Commission, District 5, Osceola 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 Fred Wilbur Hawkins has committed felony acts in violation of the Laws of Florida. This suspension is predicated upon the Information which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

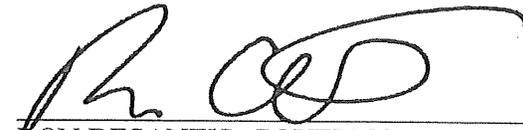
**BEING FULLY ADVISED** in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section 1. Fred Wilbur Hawkins is suspended from the public office, which he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner, District 5, Osceola County, Florida.

Section 2. Fred Wilbur Hawkins 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 31st day of July, 2020.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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**2020 JUL 31 PM 7:59**  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

INFORMATION # 49-2020-CF-002039

VS.

DIVISION - 301

FRED WILBUR HAWKINS

1. FALSELY PERSONATING OFFICER (F3-L2)

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

ARAMIS D. AYALA, State Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit prosecuting for the State of Florida in Osceola County, or ARAMIS D. AYALA, State Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit prosecuting for the State of Florida in Osceola County, by and through the undersigned Designated Assistant State Attorney, under oath, CHARGES that FRED WILBUR HAWKINS, on or about the 7th day of November, 2019, in said County and State, did, in violation of Florida Statute 843.08, falsely assume or pretend to be an officer, and took upon himself or herself to act as such, or required another person to aid or assist the said FRED WILBUR HAWKINS in a matter pertaining to the duty of any such officer.

This information encompasses the transaction and all charges listed on complaint number 49-2020-CF-002039. The Osceola County Sheriff's Office and the Osceola County Corrections Department shall substitute the charge(s) indicated on the information for those on the above cited complaint. The bond(s) shall remain the same as that last set on 49-2020-CF-002039.

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OSCEOLA COUNTY COURT  
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ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
CLERK OF COURT  
CRIMINAL CASHIERS  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
WANDA COLA  
MY COMMISSION # GG 071869  
EXPIRES: March 17, 2021  
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF OSCEOLA

Personally appeared before me Crystal S. Allen, Assistant State Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, who being first duly sworn, says that he/she has received testimony under oath from the material witness or witnesses, which if true, would constitute the offense herein, and that he/she institutes the prosecution in good faith.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30 day of July, 2020, by the aforementioned Assistant State Attorney who is personally known to me and who did take said oath.

Wanda Cola

ARAMIS D. AYALA, State Attorney  
Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida

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Crystal S. Allen  
Designated Assistant State Attorney  
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