

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 25-151 (Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, James A. Taylor is presently serving as City of Fort Pierce Commissioner for District 2; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2025, James A. Taylor was charged by Information with six counts of Transmission of Materials Harmful to Minors by Electronic Device or Equipment, a third-degree felony under section 847.0138(2), Florida Statutes; six counts of Transfer or Display of Obscenity to a Minor, a third-degree felony under section 847.0133, Florida Statutes; six counts of Harmful Communication to a Minor, a third-degree felony under section 847.01385(2), Florida Statutes; and four counts of Lewd Computer Solicitation, a third-degree felony under section 847.0135(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, section 112.51(2), Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor may suspend from office any elected municipal officer who is indicted or informed against for the commission of a state felony or misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Fort Pierce, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that James A. Taylor 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 section 112.51, Florida Statutes, find as follows:

A. James A. Taylor is, and at all times material was, City of Fort Pierce Commissioner for District 2.

B. The office of City of Fort Pierce Commissioner for District 2 is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to section 112.51, Florida Statutes.

C. The attached Information, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order, alleges that James A. Taylor 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. James A. Taylor is suspended from the public office, which he now holds, to wit: City of Fort Pierce Commissioner for District 2.

Section 2. James A. Taylor 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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE
OF FLORIDA, FOR SAINT LUCIE COUNTY

STATE OF FLORIDA

Case No.
56-2025-CF-001841-A

-vs-

(A) James Ashley Taylor - 10/03/1986 - W/M
Defendant

- (A) Ct. 1: TRANSMISSION OF MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINOR BY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 2: TRANSFER OR DISPLAY OF OBSCENITY TO MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 3: HARMFUL COMMUNICATION TO A MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 4: TRANSMISSION OF MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINOR BY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 5: TRANSFER OR DISPLAY OF OBSCENITY TO MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 6: HARMFUL COMMUNICATION TO A MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 7: LEWD COMPUTER SOLICITATION OF A CHILD (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 8: TRANSMISSION OF MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINOR BY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 9: TRANSFER OR DISPLAY OF OBSCENITY TO MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 10: HARMFUL COMMUNICATION TO A MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 11: LEWD COMPUTER SOLICITATION OF A CHILD (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 12: TRANSMISSION OF MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINOR BY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 13: TRANSFER OR DISPLAY OF OBSCENITY TO MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 14: HARMFUL COMMUNICATION TO A MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 15: TRANSMISSION OF MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINOR BY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 16: TRANSFER OR DISPLAY OF OBSCENITY TO MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 17: HARMFUL COMMUNICATION TO A MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 18: LEWD COMPUTER SOLICITATION OF A CHILD (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 19: TRANSMISSION OF MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINOR BY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 20: TRANSFER OR DISPLAY OF OBSCENITY TO MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 21: HARMFUL COMMUNICATION TO A MINOR (F 3)
- (A) Ct. 22: LEWD COMPUTER SOLICITATION OF A CHILD (F 3)

INFORMATION

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that THOMAS R. BAKKEDAH, State Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, prosecuting for the State of Florida, in Saint Lucie County, under oath, information makes that in Saint Lucie County:

COUNT 1: On or about June 28, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did in this state, via electronic mail transmit an image, information, or data that is harmful to minors to a specific individual known to be, or believed by the defendant to be, a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0138(2);

COUNT 2: On or about June 28, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did knowingly, sell, rent, loan, give away, distribute, transmit or show obscene material to a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0133;

COUNT 3: On or about June 28, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did engage in a pattern of communication to a minor that included explicit and detailed verbal descriptions or narrative accounts of sexual activity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement that is harmful to minors, in violation of Florida Statute 847.01385(2);

COUNT 4: On or about July 1, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did in this state, via electronic mail transmit an image, information, or data that is harmful to minors to a specific individual known to be, or believed by the defendant to be, a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0138(2);

COUNT 5: On or about July 1, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did knowingly, sell, rent, loan, give away, distribute, transmit or show obscene material to a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0133;

COUNT 6: On or about July 1, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did engage in a pattern of communication to a minor that included explicit and detailed verbal descriptions or narrative accounts of sexual activity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement that is harmful to minors, in violation of Florida Statute 847.01385(2);

COUNT 7: On or about July 1, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did knowingly utilize a computer on-line service, Internet service, local bulletin board service, or any other device capable of electronic data storage or transmission to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, or attempt to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, a child or another person believed to be a child, to commit any illegal act described in chapter 794, relating to sexual battery; chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent exposure, or chapter 827; relating to child abuse, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0135;

COUNT 8: On or about July 8, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did in this state, via electronic mail transmit an image, information, or data that is harmful to minors to a specific individual known to be, or believed by the defendant to be, a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0138(2);

COUNT 9: On or about July 8, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did knowingly, sell, rent, loan, give away, distribute, transmit or show obscene material to a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0133;

COUNT 10: On or about July 8, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did engage in a pattern of communication to a minor that included explicit and detailed verbal descriptions or narrative

accounts of sexual activity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement that is harmful to minors, in violation of Florida Statute 847.01385(2);

COUNT 11: On or about July 8, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did knowingly utilize a computer on-line service, Internet service, local bulletin board service, or any other device capable of electronic data storage or transmission to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, or attempt to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, a child or another person believed to be a child, to commit any illegal act described in chapter 794, relating to sexual battery; chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent exposure, or chapter 827; relating to child abuse, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0135;

COUNT 12: On or about July 10, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did in this state, via electronic mail transmit an image, information, or data that is harmful to minors to a specific individual known to be, or believed by the defendant to be, a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0138(2);

COUNT 13: On or about July 10, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did knowingly, sell, rent, loan, give away, distribute, transmit or show obscene material to a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0133;

COUNT 14: On or about July 10, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did engage in a pattern of communication to a minor that included explicit and detailed verbal descriptions or narrative accounts of sexual activity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement that is harmful to minors, in violation of Florida Statute 847.01385(2);

COUNT 15: On or about July 29, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did in this state, via electronic mail transmit an image, information, or data that is harmful to minors to a specific individual known to be, or believed by the defendant to be, a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0138(2);

COUNT 16: On or about July 29, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did knowingly, sell, rent, loan, give away, distribute, transmit or show obscene material to a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0133;

COUNT 17: On or about July 29, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did engage in a pattern of communication to a minor that included explicit and detailed verbal descriptions or narrative accounts of sexual activity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement that is harmful to minors, in violation of Florida Statute 847.01385(2);

COUNT 18: On or about July 29, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did knowingly utilize a computer on-line service, Internet service, local bulletin board service, or any other device capable of electronic data storage or transmission to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, or attempt to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, a child or another person believed to be a child, to commit any illegal act described in chapter 794, relating to sexual battery; chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent exposure, or chapter 827; relating to child abuse, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0135;

COUNT 19: On or about July 30, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did in this state, via electronic mail transmit an image, information, or data that is harmful to minors to a specific individual known to be, or believed by the defendant to be, a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0138(2);

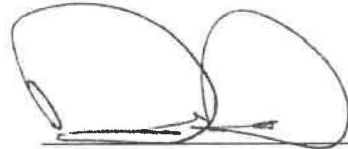
COUNT 20: On or about July 30, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did knowingly, sell, rent, loan, give away, distribute, transmit or show obscene material to a minor, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0133;

COUNT 21: On or about July 30, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did engage in a pattern of communication to a minor that included explicit and detailed verbal descriptions or narrative accounts of sexual activity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement that is harmful to minors, in violation of Florida Statute 847.01385(2);

COUNT 22: On or about July 30, 2024 James Ashley Taylor did knowingly utilize a computer on-line service, Internet service, local bulletin board service, or any other device capable of electronic data storage or transmission to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, or attempt to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, a child or another person believed to be a child, to commit any illegal act described in chapter 794, relating to sexual battery; chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent exposure, or chapter 827; relating to child abuse, in violation of Florida Statute 847.0135;

contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

I do hereby state that I am instituting this prosecution in good faith.

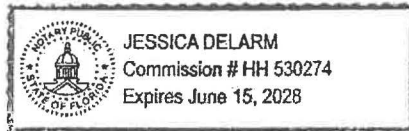
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Dodd', is written over a horizontal line.

David Dodd
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Florida, prosecuting for said State
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STATE OF FLORIDA
County of Saint Lucie

Personally appeared before me David Dodd, Assistant State Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, who being first duly sworn, says that the allegations as set forth in the foregoing information are based upon facts that have been sworn to by the material witnesses as true and which, if true, would constitute the offense(s) therein charged.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of 1 physical presence online notarization, this 28th day of July, 2025 by David Dodd, who is personally known to me.




Notary Public