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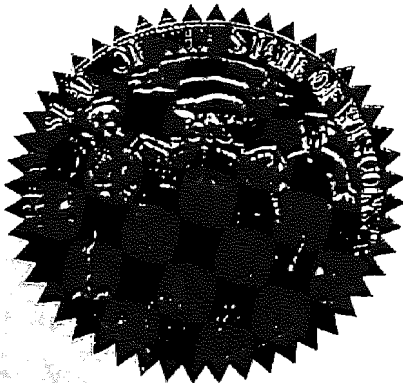
Executive Order #279

Relating to the Suspension of James F. Blask as District Attorney of Lincoln County

WHEREAS, The Office of the Governor has been credibly informed by the Lincoln County Special Prosecutor that James F. Blask, District Attorney of Lincoln County, has been charged with two counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct pursuant to Section 947.01 of the Wisconsin Statutes and one count of misdemeanor obstructing an officer pursuant to Section 946.41 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 17.11 (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the Governor to suspend any district attorney of this state who has been charged with a misdemeanor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Section 17.11 (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, **DO HEREBY SUSPEND** James F. Blask as District Attorney of Lincoln County effective as of April 22, 1996 at 12:00 P.M. CDT. This order shall remain in force until the above referenced charges have been investigated and finally determined.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-second day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

Tommy G. Thompson
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:

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