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**State Attorney William “Bill” Gladson Appoints
Chief of Homicide Prosecution**

OCALA, FL – State Attorney William “Bill” Gladson has created a new position in the Fifth Judicial Circuit State Attorney’s Office: Chief of Homicide Prosecution. The position oversees the prosecution of all homicide cases across the circuit which includes Citrus, Hernando, Marion, Lake and Sumter counties.

Gladson has assigned Assistant State Attorney Rich Buxman to the position. A career prosecutor, Buxman brings 23 years of experience to the role.

“Homicides are some of the most important and complex cases this office handles,” said Gladson. “Rich Buxman, with his years of trial experience, even temperament, and dedication to justice for victims and their families, is the perfect person for the job.”

Throughout his career, Buxman has prosecuted misdemeanors, felonies, sexually violent predators, and homicides. He started working for the circuit in 1998 in the Citrus County office and became the supervisor of that office from 2003-2013. Buxman was then assigned to prosecute almost exclusively homicide cases, including death penalty cases, first in Lake County, then in Marion County, and now across the circuit.

“Our homicide unit is made up of some the most experienced and capable prosecutors in the circuit,” said Buxman. “Their dedication, talent and hard work will ensure that these cases will be handled with the utmost diligence and care.”

William “Bill” Gladson was elected State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit in November 2020 and took office January 2021. He is a former law enforcement officer and career prosecutor with over 20 years of trial experience. As State Attorney, Gladson leads a team of over 250 employees who serve the citizens of Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter counties, an area encompassing more than 1.2 million people.

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