

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

MAR 15 1972

WHEREAS, it appears to my satisfaction that James Hunter Williams, Sheriff of the County of Anderson, has been duly indicted by the United States Grand Jury for violation, inter alia, of Title 18 U.S.C. § 371, 2313, 2314 and 2315 (Conspiracy, Receiving Stolen Automobiles in Interstate Commerce, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property in Excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), and Receiving Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property in Excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00),) and

WHEREAS, under the above cited circumstances, I, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, am exercising the authority vested in me by Sections 50-10 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, to wit:

Any State or County officer who is indicted in any court for any crime may, in the discretion of the Governor, be suspended by the Governor, who in event of suspension shall appoint another in his stead until he shall be acquitted. In case of conviction the office shall be declared vacant by the Governor and the vacancy filled as provided by law.

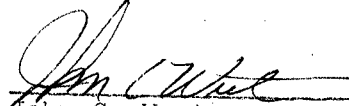
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The immediate suspension of James Hunter Williams from the office of Sheriff of Anderson County and any other law enforcement functions until he is formally tried and either acquitted or convicted;

(2) The immediate appointment of John B. Lindsey,  
Belton, S. C., to the office of Sheriff of Anderson County to hold said office in accordance with the statute hereinabove quoted.

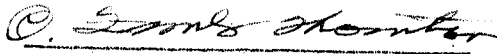
question of the guilt or innocence of Sheriff Williams, as that matter is properly before a court of competent jurisdiction and shall be determined in accordance with the laws.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina, this 15th day of March, 1972.



John C. West  
Governor of South Carolina

ATTEST:



O. Frank Thornton  
Secretary of State