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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 77-190

June 21, 1977

**\*1 In Re: 'Special' Deputies, Appointment of by Sheriff**

Honorable Carl Knight  
Sheriff  
Dorchester County  
St. George, South Carolina 29477

Dear Sheriff Knight:

You have inquired as to your authority to appoint 'special' or 'honorary' deputies sheriff to serve part time without pay in selected localities in Dorchester County

This Office has held consistently that a county sheriff is empowered to appoint only regular, salaried deputies for whom provision is made by statute, and 'industrial' or 'fair' deputies specifically authorized by statute.

It is the opinion of this Office that a county sheriff does not have the inherent authority to appoint 'special' or 'honorary' deputies not specifically authorized by statute.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman  
Deputy Attorney General

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