

The State of South Carolina



Office of the Attorney General

T. TRAVIS MEDLOCK
ATTORNEY GENERAL

REMBERT C. DENNIS BUILDING
POST OFFICE BOX 11549
COLUMBIA, S.C. 29211
TELEPHONE: 803-734-3970
FACSIMILE: 803-253-6283

April 26, 1991

Jeffrey B. Moore, Executive Director
South Carolina Sheriffs' Association
P. O. Box 21428
Columbia, South Carolina 29221-1428

Dear Jeff:

In a letter to this Office you referenced that Section 23-28-100 of the Code provides that reserve law enforcement officers "... shall wear uniforms which will identify them as law enforcement officers." You stated that it is your understanding that such provision would preclude a reserve officer from being utilized as an undercover officer in a drug investigation.

I am in agreement with your reading of Section 23-28-100 and its requirement that reserves wear uniforms. A prior opinion of this Office dated January 25, 1984 dealt with this same question and indicated that reserves are not permitted to wear civilian clothes while carrying out their duties as reserves.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Richardson".

Charles H. Richardson
Assistant Attorney General

CHR/an

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert D. Cook".

Robert D. Cook
Executive Assistant for Opinions