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**Date:** 11/26/2014 9:17:12 AM  
**Subject:** Re: For Senator Coleman - Fairfield Sheriff

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Katherine, thank you for this information. Have a good Thanksgiving.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 25, 2014, at 7:35 PM, Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Please reference below.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Schimsa, Rebecca" <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov>  
**Date:** November 25, 2014 at 3:55:50 PM EST  
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Katherine,

Via Executive Order 2014-32, the Governor appointed Dunstan Padgett to serve as Sheriff of Fairfield County until a candidate is elected and qualifies. According to the Fairfield County Voter Registration and Elections Department, a special election for sheriff was held on November 18, 2014, and Mr. Will Montgomery won the election.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 23-11-40(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, **Mr. Montgomery may begin serving as sheriff as soon as he is elected and qualifies** – for instance, the election must be certified, he must take the oath of office, etc. The term begins as soon as Mr. Montgomery begins serving and will last until the next general election for the election of sheriff, which I believe is November of 2016. **No action is needed from the Governor.**

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Rebecca

Rebecca S. Schimsa

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