



**Sheriff Wayne DeWitt**

February 4, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I hereby tender my resignation from the office of the Berkeley County Sheriff. This resignation is effective immediately.

I have also enclosed a statement resigning from office which I have sent to the media.

Sincerely,

  
H. Wayne DeWitt

HWD/tlr

Enclosure



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**CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED DRAFT 1-17-2015**

In my recent public statement I apologized for my well-publicized conduct of December 28, 2014. I reiterate how sorry I am for my actions and the poor choices I made.

Because of the magnitude of the decision and its implications I have taken some time to honestly assess the situation with the singular goal of “doing what is right and what is honorable”. I have done much private soul searching.

In the end, I know and understand the entire situation is the product of my own failures. As an elected official, as Sheriff and as a person, I recognize that I must be held accountable. I have concluded that in light of the cloud on the Office of Sheriff of Berkeley County resulting from my conduct on December 28<sup>th</sup>, I can no longer be an effective public servant regardless of how the legal process unfolds.

I am convinced that the best way to begin to restore the public trust is for me to resign from the Office of Sheriff of Berkeley County. By letters to the appropriate officials I am tendering my resignation effective immediately.

I want to thank the citizens of Berkeley County for the honor of serving you as your Sheriff for many years.