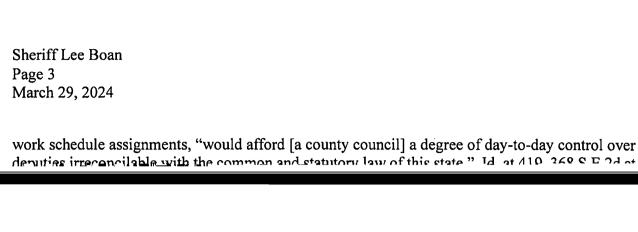
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905. The Court noted the District Court for the District of South Carolina has recognized that, in the context of a Title 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action, "it is abundantly clear that historically in South Carolina the deputy sheriffs are answerable only to the sheriff and not the county government."

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F.Supp. 1185, 1190 (D.S.C. 1981), aff'd, 694 F.2d 716 (4th Cir.1982)). In this federal district court case, the District Court held Aiken County could not be held liable for the actions of the County Sheriff and his deputies when. inter alia. the County was "precluded from exercising any

supervisory function or control over the Sheriff or his deputies." <u>Allen</u>, 515 F.Supp. at 1190. In reaching this conclusion, the District Court explained:

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