

**Opinion No. 32-364**

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**BY:** Quincy D. Adams, Asst. Attorney General

**TO:** Mr. Elliott S. Barker, State Game Warden, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

{\*132} This is in reply to your letter of January 23rd, 1932, with reference to the provisions of Section 57-265 of the 1929 Compilation.

In view of the specific language of this section it appears to me that sheriffs and constables, including their deputies, if any, are not only authorized to enforce the game laws in their respective counties, but are required to do so, and that it is not necessary for them to be appointed as deputy game wardens, {\*133} in order to have such authority. I do not see that an appointment of them as deputy game wardens would confer any additional authority to enforce the game laws, to that which they already have.