TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Taylor County Constable Henry P. Sauls has been suspended from office following his indictment in the fatal shooting of a 19-year-old Negro, Joe Dumas.

Gov. Farris Bryant ordered the suspension yesterday shortly before he left on a 17-day trip to Seattle, New York and Hershey, Pa. As a result of the indictment, Bryant said Sauls had lost public confidence and was guilty of incompetency.

Sauls was indicted by a federal grand jury here Tuesday on a charge of willfully shooting and killing Dumas in Taylor County with intent to deprive him of life without due process of law.

Another count charged him with intent to inflict summary punishment and therefore deprive him of his constitutional rights.

The federal investigation was asked by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People after the Taylor County grand jury cleared Sauls in the case. Sauls told the Taylor County grand jury he shot Dumas accidentally after stopping him on the highway for investigation.