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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina April 24, 1972

*1 Honorable Charles Sanders Chief of Police Andrews, South Carolina

Dear Chief Sanders:

Recently you inquired as to the law regarding leaving a jail unattended. Section 55-424 located in the Supplement to the 1962 Code provides as follows:

'It shall be unlawful for any person charged with the custody of any jail or other place of criminal incarceration to allow such premises at any time when occupied to be unattended by a duly authorized person who shall have access to and be in reasonable communication with the persons therein.

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.'

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to let me know.

With kindest personal regards, Sincerely,

James C. Harrison, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

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