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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: No. 164 Juvenile Delinquency**

Mr. Kelly F. Zier
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506 Georgia Avenue
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Dear Mr. Zier:

In your letter of March 27, 1972, you have requested information on the legality of release to the press of names of juveniles convicted of offenses in the North Augusta Municipal Court.

I have been unable to find any statute which would prohibit the release to the news media of information regarding juveniles charged with or convicted of offenses in municipal courts.

In cases where it would be desirable for the charge or conviction of a juvenile not to be publicized the case could be transferred from the North Augusta City Court to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court for Aiken County pursuant to Sec. 15-1262 of the S. C. Code. Sec. 23 of Act No. 441, Acts and Joint Resolutions of S.C., 1965, prohibits the publication of either the name or picture of any child under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court for Aiken County. Also see Sec. 15-1095.40 of the S.C. Code (1971 Cumulative Supp.)

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Walter Bailey
Law Clerk

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