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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 81-90

October 29, 1981

**\*1 Re: Cecil L. Stevens, Auditor for Lee County—Indictment for Assault with Intent to Commit Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree and Lewd Act Upon a Child Under the Age of Fourteen**

The Honorable Richard W. Riley  
Governor  
Post Office Box 11450  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Governor Riley:

The Auditor for Lee County, Mr. Cecil L. Stevens, has heretofore been indicted for the offense of Assault with Intent to Commit Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree and with the commission of the offense of Lewd Act Upon a Child.

Your letter of October 28, 1981, requests my opinion as to whether these offenses involve moral turpitude.

I advise that these offenses do involve moral turpitude within the accepted definition in which the Supreme Court has recognized that such offenses are those which are vile and base in their nature and reprehensible in all of society.

Mr. Stevens is today being tried upon the charges as set forth in the indictment and the outcome of that trial will be made known to you as soon as it has been completed.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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