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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable W. L. Fortner
Magistrate
Easley Township
Post Office Box 733
Easley, South Carolina 29640

Dear Judge Fortner:

Concerning your question as to whether an individual, convicted of manslaughter who was sentenced to a term of five (5) years, suspended upon service of six (6) months and five (5) years probation, a sentence which he has served, could properly be a juror for a case in magistrate's court, your attention is directed to [Section 14-7-810, Code of Laws of South Carolina](#), 1976 which provides that:

'(i)n addition to any other provision of law, no person shall be qualified to serve as a juror in any court in this State if:

(1) He has been convicted in a State or Federal court of record of a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and his civil rights have not been restored by pardon or amnesty.'

Therefore, pursuant to such section, it appears that the above individual may not serve as a juror unless his civil rights have been restored.

If there are any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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