

1977 S.C. Op. Atty. Gen. 167 (S.C.A.G.), 1977 S.C. Op. Atty. Gen. No. 77-216, 1977 WL 24558

Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 77-216

July 11, 1977

***1 In Re: Police Officers, City's Liability for Actions While 'off-duty'**

Honorable M. C. Hughey
Chief of Police
City of Union
Union, South Carolina 29379

Dear Chief Hughey:

You have inquired as to the civil liability of a municipality for off-duty, unofficial acts of a police officer of the city involving use by the officer of a pistol issued to him by the municipality.

A governmental agency [including a municipality] is not civilly liable for the tortious acts of an off-duty police officer not acting within the scope of his authority, even though such acts involve use of a pistol owned and issued by the municipality.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman

1977 S.C. Op. Atty. Gen. 167 (S.C.A.G.), 1977 S.C. Op. Atty. Gen. No. 77-216, 1977 WL 24558

End of Document

© 2016 Thomson Reuters. No claim to original U.S. Government Works.