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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable John Cofer
Mayor
Town of Wagener
Wagener, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Messrs. Hatcher & Molly, Attorneys at Law, of Aiken, haven informed me that they are of opinion that the practice exists in your town of leaving blank arrest warrants to be used at the discretion of the Police Chief. I, of course, have no knowledge of the actual facts but I wish to call your attention to the fact that this practice, if it does exist, would be contrary to the law.

I am writing you in an effort to be of assistance so that the legal status of such warrants can be made clear if such a situation exists and to urge that if this procedure is being followed, that it be discontinued immediately. The consequences can be difficult as past experience in other parts of the State has clearly indicated.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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