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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Lt. Charles G. Taylor, Sr.
Columbia Airport Police Department
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Dear Lt. Taylor:

In a recent telephone conversation you raised a question as to the propriety of the West Columbia magistrate sending a letter to an individual who failed to pay a parking ticket which threatened the issuance of an arrest warrant. You sent a copy of the letter to be used which states briefly:

'It has come to the attention of this court that you are charged with a parking violation at Lexington Richland County Airport which is still pending. If bond is not posted, at the request of the Airport Police a warrant will be issued.

As I indicated to you, due to the problems that may result, and inasmuch as it is not the function of a court to threaten that a warrant will be issued, this office strongly advises against such a practice.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Richardson
Assistant Attorney General

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