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## Dear Lieutenant Burch:

Your letter of July 11, 1975, has been referred to me by Deputy Attorney General Coleman for reply. You have requested information regarding the filing of false stolen vehicle reports, and as to what penalties, if any, which apply. Section 46-150.90, Code of Laws of South Carolina provides as follows:

'A person who knowingly makes a false report of the theft or conversion of a vehicle to a peace officer or to the Department is guilty of a misdemeanor.'

And Section 46-150.93 (Penalties) (2), Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1962 as amended, provides:

'Any person guilty of a misdemeanor for violation of any other provision of this Chapter, except subsection (2) of § 46-150.86, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.'

It is rather apparent that those individuals found guilty of filing false stolen vehicle reports are subject to a fine and/or a prison sentence. It should be considered transparent that the views expressed in this letter are offered for informational purposes only and do not necessarily reflect the official position of this Office on the matters under inquiry. With best wishes,

Herman L. Moore Law Clerk

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