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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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**\*1 In Re: Merger of Sheriff's Office with Municipal Police**

Mr. Christopher J. Gintz  
Administrative Officer  
Lexington County Sheriff's Department  
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Dear Mr. Gintz:

You have inquired as to the validity of an agreement between a sheriff and a municipality within his county whereby the sheriff would absorb into his office the police of the municipality and operate such municipal police as part of the sheriff's office.

It is the opinion of this office that such procedure would be valid only if authorized by appropriate, state-wide legislation. No such legislation exists at the present time.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman  
Deputy Attorney General

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