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*1 In Re: Pursuit of Violators by Municipal Police

Honorable Oliver A. Nealy Chief of Police Pickens, South Carolina 29671

Dear Chief Nealy:

You have posed several questions with reference to the pursuit of violators by municipal police:

1. How far out of the city limits may a traffic violator be pursued by a municipal officer?

Three miles.

2. How far may a felon be pursued by a city police officer?

A felon may be pursued and arrested anywhere by a police officer with or without a warrant.

3. How far may misdemeanants be pursued by municipal officers when the offense is committed in their presence?

Three miles beyond the municipal limits in traffic cases.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman Deputy Attorney General

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