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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

August 7, 1974

**\*1 Re: No. 172—Law Enforcement**

Mr. Robert A. Green  
Chief of Police  
Town of St. George  
St. George, South Carolina 29477

Dear Chief Green:

You have requested that we advise you as to whether or not a police officer may arrest a person who, in view of the officer, commits a misdemeanor on private property.

In South Carolina, a police officer may arrest any person who commits a misdemeanor in the officer's view. CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA § 17-253 (1962). Whether the offense occurs on private property is immaterial. Cf., 5 AM.JUR.2d Arrest § 86 at 774.

Best wishes,

C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr.

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