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State of South Carolina

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Dear Patrolman Gibson:

Your letter of November 4, 1974, has been given to me for a response. First of all, you asked a question regarding the source of authority which defines magisterial districts as well as the general territorial jurisdiction of magistrates in Spartanburg County.

According to Section 43-62 a magistrate in Spartanburg County may issue an arrest warrant for an offense which occurs anywhere within the county, but he does not have the authority to try an offense occurring outside of his magisterial district. 1965-66 Op. Atty. Gen., No. 2017, p. 81. Additionally, the territorial districts of magistrates are set forth in Title 43 as indicated in a previous letter.

A page of the Ledbetter's Manual on magistrates territorial jurisdiction is enclosed. If I may be of further service to you please contact this office.

Sincerely,

J. Melvin Screen
Legal Assistant

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