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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 In re: Search Warrants**

Detectives Bob Eldson and Harold Huff
Detective Division
Anderson Police Department
Anderson, South Carolina 29621

Gentlemen:

You have inquired as to the necessity of a search warrant to make lawful the search of a building operated unlawfully as an unlicensed business.

If it is necessary for you to gain entrance to such premises forcibly, a search warrant will be necessary in almost every instance—particularly if you anticipate having to search the premises. The affidavit to support the warrant should contain enough factual information to support your belief that an unlawful business is being operated.

The question contained in your next-to-last sentence is being referred to ABC Director Joe Shinn.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman
Deputy Attorney General

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