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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

June 13, 1973

\*1 The Honorable Lawrence E. Reardon  
Major  
Town of Edgefield  
Post Office Box 390  
Edgefield, South Carolina 29824

Dear Mayor Reardon:

In confirmation of my conversation with you this date by telephone, it is the opinion of this office that should a town official misuse public funds that public official should be criminally prosecuted, and it is the duty of persons having information concerning such a breach of trust to bring the offense to the attention of the local solicitor and, if necessary, the Attorney General. Restitution of any money which has been misappropriated is a matter for the trial judge to consider in mitigation of the offense, but it does not eliminate the crime which has been committed.

If this office can be of further assistance, please correspond. With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

John B. Grimball  
Assistant Attorney General

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