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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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**\*1 Re: Jurisdiction of City Police**

Honorable LaVerne Ard  
Mayor  
P. O. Box 142  
Pamplico, South Carolina

Dear Mayor Ard:

You have requested that this office advise you as to the jurisdiction of the police officers of the town of Pamolico while involved in 'hot pursuit'. Section 17-254, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1962, as amended, states

The police authorities of all towns and cities of this State may make arrest of all offenders against a municipal ordinances and statutes of this State committed within the corporate limits at any place within a radius of three miles of the corporate limits, with or without a warrant, when such police authorities are in pursuit of such offender.

Based upon this statutory section, it is clear that the municipal police have jurisdiction within three miles of the corporate limits of the municipality when the police are in 'hot pursuit' of an offender. I have also enclosed an official opinion of the Office of the Attorney General, No. 2954 which pertains to this subject.

I trust that this has been sufficient to an answer to the question which you pose, if we may be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to call or write.

Very truly yours,

Timothy G. Quinn  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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