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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 In Re: Rescue Squads—Interference with Police Investigation**

Honorable A. L. Strickland
Sheriff
Bamberg County
Bamberg, South Carolina

Dear Sheriff Strickland:

You have inquired as to the authority of rescue squads to remove dead bodies from a scene before arrival of investigating officers.

You, as sheriff, are the chief law enforcement officer of your County, and, with the coroner, have prime responsibility for investigating violent or unexplained deaths. Any undue interference by anyone with such investigation could constitute the common-law crime of interfering with an officer in his line of duty (obstructing justice).

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman
Deputy Attorney General

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