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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

March 22, 1972

***1 In Re: Traffic Tickets—City of Ware Shoals**

Mr. G. H. Frederick, Jr.
Ware Shoals
South Carolina 29692

Dear Mr. Frederick:

Thank you for your further letter of March 20 relating to alleged activity of the Ware Shoals Police Department in changing charges on traffic tickets.

Each municipal police department is under the exclusive control of municipal council and need answer only to that body for activities that are not criminal in nature and do not violate due process of law.

It is lawful for criminal charges to be changed by the prosecuting authority in cases in which the facts justify such change. Whether or not the facts do, in fact, justify the change made is a matter entirely within the authority of town council.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman
Deputy Attorney General

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