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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

March 22, 1972

***1 In Re: Motor Vehicle Driver License—Suspension—Required Notice**

Lt. O. W. Ray
Aiken Police Department
Post Office Box 321
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear Lt. Ray:

You have inquired as to the status of a defendant whose license was suspended for drunk driving, but who did not receive his notice of suspension.

Section 46–183, 1962 Code of Laws of South Carolina, provides that notice of suspension is complete when the Highway Department mails the notice to the address of the licensee on file with the Department—regardless of whether or not such notice was actually received.

This prevents a licensee from avoiding suspension by moving and leaving no forwarding address, or by returning the notice marked ‘addressee unknown,’ or by using one of the many other means available of avoiding receipt of mail.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman
Deputy Attorney General

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