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State of South Carolina

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***1 In Re: Letter from Vernon Ward**

Honorable William H. Conner, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Conner:

Thank you for your letter of August 4 enclosing the letter from Vernon Ward, together with your review of the law concerning threats .

It seems to me that your conclusion is correct and that it does not constitute a threat of such a nature as to constitute a violation of the law. I think that you are correctly apprehensive about the safety of the deputy but if prosecution were made, I do not think it would stand up. I have often in the past thought about prisoners making statements of the types stated in the letter and instituting perjury actions against them if they repeated the statement under oath and I have heard of this being done in other states. That may be an area to stop this kind of thing because I know that it does not receive attention from the Supreme Court of a favorable nature.

Please let me know if I may be of any further assistance.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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