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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

February 7, 1975

**\*1 In Re: Speeding, Penalties**

Colonel P. F. Thompson  
Director of Law Enforcement  
State Highway Patrol  
Post Office Box 191  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Colonel Thompson:

You have inquired whether or not a magistrate may impose a fine of \$100 on a charge of speeding 'not in excess of 10 miles per hour above posted limit' when the defendant does not appear for trial.

The maximum fine that may be imposed by a magistrate is that provided by law, which, in the case of 10 mph above the posted limit, is \$25.00.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman  
Deputy Attorney General

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