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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

December 23, 1974

**\*1 In Re: Uniform Traffic Ticket Law, Reported Violations, Ehrhardt, South Carolina**

Honorable C. Lavaun Fox  
Solicitor  
Second Judicial Circuit  
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear Solicitor Fox:

It has been reported to this Office that the municipal police of Ehrhardt, S.C., are issuing two types of traffic tickets to traffic violators—a ‘town ticket’ if the violator agrees not to request trial and to forfeit bond, and the lawful ‘uniform traffic ticket’ if the violator indicates he wishes trial. A copy of such a ‘town ticket’ issued by arresting officer R. Wilson to one John P. Tollison for speeding on October 24, 1974, (Town of Ehrhardt #43) is in my possession.

Before SLED is requested to make an investigation to determine whether or not such allegations are true, I wonder if you would like to make some inquiry into the matter. If the officials of Ehrhardt are condoning such a practice under the mistaken belief that it is lawful, perhaps they will agree to stop it. Your assistance is requested because of the seriousness of the alleged situation. It is the opinion of this Office that a deliberate, wilful violation of the Uniform Traffic Ticket Law (Sections 46-871, et seq., 1962 Code of Laws of South Carolina) could constitute malfeasance in office when committed by any public officer.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman  
Deputy Attorney General

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