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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 Honorable Sam B. Cann, Jr.  
Sheriff  
Abbeville County  
Abbeville, South Carolina 29620

Dear Sheriff:

Thank you for your letter of May 14 inquiring as to the disposition of monies which were found after the destruction of a building by the recent tornado in Calhoun Falls.

In a similar circumstance, I advised the Sheriff of Richland County that he should hold the money if it came into his possession and await a declaration by a court as to the true owner of the funds. That case was somewhat different, in that the monies found in that instance were 'treasure-trove', being monies which had been buried under a chimney and which were found by two young boys. In your circumstance, it would probably depend upon the establishment of ownership of the funds, and this should be undertaken by the respective claimants proceeding at law before a court. If you have the funds, I would hold them in escrow and require that anyone claiming them obtain a court order declaring their entitlement to the money.

With best wishes,  
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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