

*Proposed Press Release of Chief Townsend*

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From time to time I have been contacted by various groups and individuals inquiring as to whether or not the Constabulary would make arrests in cases coming under my observation or under the observation of any member of the Constabulary, such as "Bookies" dealing in horse-races, lotteries, slot machines, roulette wheels and various other types of gambling devices. The Attorney General has given an opinion that all such practices are in violation of the law. This Department is charged with the responsibility of enforcing all of the criminal laws which are now on the Statutes of this State, and this we intend to do through the cooperation of each local Sheriff, he being the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in his County. We will give full assistance to all the Sheriffs in all counties of South Carolina in enforcing all the laws on the books.

*Capt Ouel + WLDJ talked with Mr. Hough + Mr. Callison in Atty Gen's Office Feb 28, 1947 on this*