

February 3, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Trey Gowdy, Solicitor, Seventh Judicial Circuit

FROM: Robert E. Merritt, Extraditions

RE: Extradition of Kevin Dale Fordyce

The application for extradition of the above-named subject was returned for the following reasons. Some reference will be made to the Extradition Procedures Training manual dated February 23, 2001, which we are in the process of updating.

On page C-1, suggested language and information for the Solicitor's cover letter requesting extradition is set out. This is suggested language and we are working on making it clearer as to what exactly is being requested. It is my understanding that a presentation was given by the Governor's Extradition Office at the October 1, 2000, S.C. Solicitor's Conference. There was a hand-out entitled "The South Carolina Extradition Process" that set out the information to be included in the cover letter in greater detail than the page C-1 sample letter. I am faxing a copy of this handout to Ms. Beall for your and her future reference. This was no one's fault, but it should help clarify from this end what we need. And I apologize for any misunderstanding.

A raised seal is necessary for the notary verification sheet.

Anywhere a certified true copy or Clerk of Court certification is required, a raised seal is necessary since the documents are going out of state. In speaking with the Extradition Secretary for North Carolina, I was advised that they require the raised seals on originals and copies. We would request that all copies be impressed with the raised seals where required.

The C-6, Certification of the Magistrate signature on the warrant(s) by the Clerk was omitted from the package.

The police report by Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office needs a raised seal of the Clerk of Court on the Clerk's time and date stamp.

The DUI uniform Traffic Ticket needs raised seal of Clerk.

The Mug shot profile needs a raised seal of Clerk where time and date stamp is printed

Raised seal needed on Bench warrant issued May 1, 1998.

Raised seal needed on Magistrate Bench warrant issued by Judge Paslay on 9-30-97.

If at all possible, fingerprints of the fugitive must be submitted with the package. The fingerprint copies should be certified as true copies and a raised seal impressed on the copies.

I trust that the above will help explain why the package was returned. We are establishing procedures and hopefully we will be able to establish standard, consistent procedures. You can be assured that we will do all we can to work with you in these most important areas. It is our goal that when an extradition request leaves this office, it will not be returned from the asylum state on a technicality. That can only be accomplished by teamwork between this office and the Solicitors and law enforcement. We intend to be a positive part of this very important team. We look forward to working with you and your office. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call me direct at 803-734-5283.