

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Wells</i>	DATE <i>5-1-07</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000688</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaud 6/11/07, better attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>5-11-07</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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WARREN J. MCCORMACK
STATE FLEET MANAGER

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

April 27, 2007

Mr. William Wells
Department of Health and Human Services
1801 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: State Vehicle: SG88137 - Log #00704218

Dear Mr. Wells:

We recently received the enclosed information concerning possible misuse of a state-owned vehicle. State Fleet Management has been directed by the State Budget and Control Board to forward all customer concerns to the appropriate agency for review of the facts regarding the incident.

Please provide our office a copy of your findings. We may then forward a copy of your response to the citizen originating this action. If I may provide any further assistance or clarification on this subject, please advise.

Respectfully,

Warren J. McCormack

Warren J. McCormack
State Fleet Manager

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Enclosures

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as a log letter
& log to me
thanks
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STATE FLEET MGMT.

3 Saint Croix Court
Immo, S.C. 29063
April 17, 2007

Director State Fleet Management
General Services Office
1201 Main Street
Columbia, S.C.29201

Dear Director:

Not knowing who I should direct this letter to, I have chosen you to share the following incident I witnessed today. You may or may not be the person I should send this to. You may forward it to the appropriate office if the following information is sufficient for you to do so.

Today, at about 1p.m., I stopped at the McDonalds located on Hwy. 321 at the intersection of I-26. As I entered the parking lot, I noticed only the handicapped parking spaces were vacant next to the building. Consequently, I parked across the drive and parked where there were many open spaces. As I exited my truck, a gray Dodge Caravan pulled into the first handicapped parking space. On the rear window was a State of South Carolina sticker and a state license tag with the numbers SG 88137 on it. The female driver began talking on the phone. I went into the rest room and washed my hands. When I came out she was still on the phone. I went to my truck and wrote the above identification down as the driver exited the van. She went in and make her purchase then returned to the van, cranked up and drove off. The driver was not in any way handicapped based on my observation. There was nothing to identify that a handicapped person was driving the auto. There were no passengers.

I guess my question is: When did state laws not include state employees?

Sincerely,



Ralph Varnadoe
749-1028

Vehicle Incident Report Form

State Budget and Control Board
General Services Division
Office of State Fleet Management
140 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 650
Columbia, SC 29210-8257

The State of South Carolina requires its employees to operate State vehicles in a safe and courteous fashion, obeying all transportation laws. Citizens who observe a State vehicle being operated improperly are asked to notify State Fleet Management of such incidents.

Please notify our office by completing the form below and sending it to the address listed at the top of this page. We will forward a copy of the complaint to the appropriate agency for an investigation of the incident to determine if corrective action is required.

We at State Fleet Management sincerely appreciate your interest and concern for the proper operation of the vehicles belonging to the State, and we thank you for your time and effort.

Date of Observation	Date: 4/17/2007	Time: 1:00	AM <u>PM</u>
Vehicle Identification (if known)	License Tag No.: SG88137 LOG #0704218		
Year: 2006	Make: DODGE	Model: CARAVAN	
Driver Identification (if known)	Name:		
Approximate Age:	Sex: <u>F</u>	Description:	
Location of Incident (such as street, highway, intersection, direction of travel) McDonald's Hwy 321 & I-26			
Brief Description of Incident (please be specific; attach additional pages as necessary) Parked in Handicap parking spot, nothing identifying vehicle as handicap. Female driver sat in parking spot and chatted on cell phone, then went in and made purchase. There were no passengers.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Please check the box at left to receive a copy of the Agency's response to this complaint. Although signature and address are optional, we can't give you a written response without an address or a fax number.			
Signature:	Name (please print): Ralph Varnadoe- See attached		Telephone: 749-1028
	Fax:		
Address: 3 Saint Croix Court			
City: Irmo	State: SC	ZIP: 29063	
SFM Use Only			
Date of Call	Date: 4/24/2007	Time: 3:15	AM <u>PM</u> Telephone: (803) 737-1211
Received by:	Name: Karen M. Wilkes	Signature: <u>Kmw</u>	



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Log # 688

Mark Sanford
Governor

Susan B. Bowling
Acting Director

June 11, 2007

Mr. Warren McCormack, State Fleet Manager
State Fleet Management
140 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 650
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Vehicle complaint on SG88137 - Log #00704218

Dear Mr. McCormack:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your request regarding the above referenced vehicle. The vehicle is leased to the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission (LCRAC) under the Medicaid Transportation Program. The LCRAC reported to our Agency that after an investigation of the incident, the driver of this vehicle has been reprimanded for her actions.

It was also stated in their response that the driver is a long-time employee of LCRAC and is fully aware of the states rules and regulations with regard to driving a state vehicle. However, in her explanation of the incident, she stated she had received a call from her child who was in school that day and was unaware that she had pulled into a handicapped parking space.

Should you need any additional information or have any questions regarding our response, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 898-2605.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Cannon

Robert M. Cannon, Bureau Chief
Administrative Services

RMC: jym