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Guidance?

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Hi Rob,

We're trying to localize a North Carolina story about that state's Legislature giving the governor more leeway to offer rewards for suspects (see brief below). I've copied other folks who are working on this with me.

Can you tell us:

What limits does the SC governor have in this area?

Has there been any talk/push to increase them (or restrict) these awards in SC?

If the governor's office can offer a reward, can you find out the last time that was done (and the last time there was money paid out)?

Thanks,

Robert Behre

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P.S. There was a reward offered in the Chris Dorner case, but because he died in that cabin fire in Calif., the people who tipped off the police didn't get the money, apparently:
http://www.redstate.com/4billlewis/2013/02/14/chris-dorner-no-arrest-means-no-reward-for-unlucky-threesome/

Higher rewards from NC gov may soon be possible
RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — There soon could be more financial inducements at the disposal of North Carolina's governor to help capture fugitives and solve serious crimes.
The General Assembly has given final approval to a bill to increase the maximum reward money a governor could give to someone who catches a notorious suspect or provides information leading to someone's arrest and conviction.
State law currently allows the governor to offer rewards of up to $10,000. The bill approved Monday night and heading to Gov. Pat McCrory's desk raises the amount to $100,000.
Sen. Shirley Randleman told the Senate that law enforcement officials asked for the higher maximum reward, which has not changed since the 1960s.Pl