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District Attorney's Fund

Portable burglar alarm system
for district attorney's home
is lawful expenditure from the
District Attorney's Fund.

Dear Mr. Field:

You have asked the question:

"Is the expense of a portable burglar
alarm system for the district attorney's
home a lawful expenditure from the
District Attorney's Fund?"

The district attorney is authorized under Code of Alabama 1975, Section 12-17-197 to requisition expenditures from the district attorney's fund for the payment of any and all expenses to be incurred by him for law enforcement and in the discharge of the duties of his office, as he sees fit. It is my opinion that these funds may be utilized to purchase a burglar alarm system for the home of the district attorney where he has been subjected to threats and "semi" threats, and therefore, the question is answered affirmatively.

As a matter of public policy, it is permissible to use public funds to insure the safety of public officials and their

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families. Whenever possible, the equipment or devices purchased should be portable and removable so that they could be returned to state control when the official ceases to hold public office.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES A. GRADDICK
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. Frank USSERY". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "R" and "U".

R. FRANK USSERY
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