

OPINION NO. 69-064

Syllabus:

The municipal court is without jurisdiction of violations of rules and regulations of state universities and may neither prosecute such violations nor levy fines therefor.

To: Ronald J. Kane, Portage County Pros. Atty., Ravenna, Ohio
By: Paul W. Brown, Attorney General, June 18, 1969

I have your request for my opinion concerning the disposition of fines collected by a municipal court for violations of rules and regulations prescribed by a state university.

The criminal jurisdiction of a municipal court is set forth in Section 1901.20, Revised Code. This section provides as follows:

"The municipal court has jurisdiction of the violation of any ordinance of any municipal corporation within its territory and of any misdemeanor committed within the limits of its territory. In all such prosecutions and cases, the court shall proceed to a final determination thereof. The court has jurisdiction to hear felony cases committed within its territory and to discharge, recognize, or commit the accused."

This section gives the municipal court no jurisdiction over violation of rules and regulations of state universities. The court, therefore, has no jurisdiction to prosecute such violations.

It is, therefore, my opinion, and you are advised that the municipal court is without jurisdiction of violations of rules and regulations of state universities and may neither prosecute such violations nor levy fines therefor.