

PRESS NOTICE

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BATESBURG MAN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL GUN POSSESSION

COLUMBIA, South Carolina ---- Acting United States Attorney, KEVIN F.

McDONALD, stated today that, Steve Coleman, age 27, of Batesburg, South

Carolina, was charged in an Indictment with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The Indictment charges that Coleman possessed a Smith and Wesson 9mm semi-automatic pistol and 9mm ammunition on September 21, 2006. Mr. McDonald stated the penalty Coleman could receive for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon is a maximum term of imprisonment of ten (10) years.

Mr. McDonald stated that the case was investigated by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Lexington County Sheriff's Office and that he has assigned the case to Assistant United States Attorney, Robert C. Jendron, Jr., of the Columbia office for prosecution.

The Acting United States Attorney stated that all charges in this Indictment are

merely accusations and that the Defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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