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CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. WALTER WILKINS stated today that BILLY GERARD SPIVEY, age 29, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was sentenced in federal court in Florence to 10 years imprisonment for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

On May 26, 2007, Spivey, while at a residence on Owens Street in Myrtle Beach, tried to steal a wallet out of another man's pants. The two began struggling for the wallet, when Spivey pulled a gun and fired a shot toward the victim. Police responded to the scene and later arrested Spivey, who fled from the scene before police arrived.

Spivey had previously been convicted of Possession of Cocaine in 1998, Strong Armed Robbery and Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature in 2001,

Possession of Cocaine in 2001, and Assault of a High and Aggravated Nature in 2003.

The case was investigated by the Myrtle Beach Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the 15th Circuit Solicitor's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Rose Mary Parham of the Florence office is handling the case as a part of Project CeaseFire, an initiative of the United States Attorneys Office that seeks to aggressively prosecute gun-related and violent crimes.

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