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DILLON GANG MEMBER GUARANTEED 15 YEARS IN PRISON

COLUMBIA, South Carolina -- United States Attorney Reginald I. Lloyd announced that a federal jury in Florence convicted Jeremy Wright, 22, of Dillon, for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten ordered Wright held in custody until sentencing later this year.

Evidence at trial established that Wright was a member of the Crips street gang operating in Dillon. Last June, Wright was ordered by management to leave the Blue Moon Nightclub in Dillon County after fighting with a rival gang member. Wright exited the club and retrieved an assault rifle from his car, firing more than 22 rounds in the parking lot. One man was struck and killed while he slept in the back seat of a car outside the nightclub, and another man was injured.

Wright's criminal record includes convictions for unlawfully carrying a weapon, resisting arrest, and drug possession. As a convicted felon, he was not authorized to possess a firearm.

Wright faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years imprisonment and a maximum possible penalty of life.

The case was investigated by the Dillon County Sheriff's Office, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, the United States Marshal's Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Buddy Bethea.

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