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## **DEMETRIUS HARSHAW**

DEMETRIUS HARSHAW, age 24, of Conway, South Carolina, was sentenced to 100 months imprisonment by United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On January 6, 2006, a concerned citizen contacted local police relating to a vehicle traveling past his residence in North Myrtle Beach at a high rate of speed. The citizen stayed on a cellular phone with police as he followed the vehicle to a Super 8 Motel located at 3801 Highway 17 South, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. A man, later identified as Demetrius Harshaw, exited the car, entered the hotel lobby, then fled out a back door upon the arrival of police. Harshaw was later arrested without further incident. A search of his vehicle recovered a loaded Bryco Arms 9mm pistol in the center console. Prior to this arrest, Harshaw had been convicted of multiple state convictions

and is prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms.

The case was investigated by the North Myrtle Beach Department of Public Safety, the 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office, and agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Assistant United States Attorney Rose Mary Parham of the Florence office prosecuted the case as part of Project CeaseFire, an initiative of the United States Attorneys Office that seeks to aggressively prosecute gun-related crimes.

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