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MYRTLE BEACH MAN FACES DRUG, GUN CHARGES

COLUMBIA, South Carolina -- United States Attorney Reginald I. Lloyd announced that a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Florence indicted Julius Ervin Underhill, age 26, of Myrtle Beach, for possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine and heroin, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

The charges are the result of an undercover investigation by federal and local authorities last April in the Warren Street area of Myrtle Beach.

The maximum penalty Underhill could receive is a fine of \$4,000,000.00 and life in prison.

The case was investigated by agents of the ATF and the Myrtle Beach Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Alfred W. Bethea, Jr., of the Florence office has been assigned to prosecute the case.

Mr. Lloyd stated that the case is part of Project CeaseFire, an initiative of the United States Attorney's Office targeting gun crimes.

Mr. Lloyd stated that the charges in this Indictments are merely accusations and that the defendant charged is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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