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COASTAL CAROLINA THREAT LANDS ARMED COLUMBIA MAN IN FEDERAL PRISON

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Reginald I. Lloyd stated that Julius Franklin Lynch, age 29, of Columbia, was sentenced by United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell to 80 months imprisonment for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

In August 2006, Coastal Carolina police officers stopped Lynch on campus after receiving a report that he had threatened to kill a Coastal Carolina student. Officers saw and seized a loaded 9mm pistol from his car.

Lynch has an extensive criminal record dating back to 1995 and is prohibited by federal law from possessing a firearm. His prior convictions include drug possession, resisting arrest, assault and battery with intent to kill, and

malicious Injury to property.

The case was investigated by the Coastal Carolina Police Department and agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Assistant United States Attorney Rose Mary Parham of the Florence office is prosecuting the case as part of Operation CeaseFire, an initiative of the United States Attorneys Office that seeks to aggressively prosecute gun-related crimes.

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