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BISHOPVILLE MAN SENTENCED IN GUN CONSPIRACY

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney REGINALD I. LLOYD stated that JOSEPH ANDERSON, age 37, of Bishopville, South Carolina, was sentenced by United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell to 63 months imprisonment for conspiracy to illegally acquire firearms and to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

From January 2004 to July 2006, Anderson was involved in the straw purchasing and trafficking of firearms from South Carolina to New York. Since Anderson was a felon, Anderson recruited acquaintances to buy guns from several area pawn shops. Anderson then exchanged the guns for cash or drugs to an individual involved in transporting the firearms to New York.

The case was investigated by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and Assistant United States Attorney Rose Mary Parham of the Florence office handled prosecution of the case as part of Project CeaseFire, which seeks to prosecute individuals who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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