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HARTSVILLE FELON GOING BACK TO PRISON

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Reginald I. Lloyd stated that Johnny Cherry, III, age 39 of Hartsville, South Carolina, was sentenced in federal court by United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten to 30 months imprisonment for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

In April 2007, police were questioning Cherry about a disturbance in Hartsville, and ran a record check on him. The report alerted officers that Cherry had an outstanding bench warrant, and he was arrested. When officers patted down Cherry, they found a loaded .22 caliber revolver and 18 rounds of ammunition.

Because of prior multiple drug and criminal domestic violation convictions,

Cherry is prohibited by federal law from possessing a gun or ammunition.

The case was investigated by the Hartsville 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 prosecuted the case as a part of Project CeaseFire, an initiative of the United States Attorneys Office that seeks to aggressively prosecute gun-related crimes.

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