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TIP LEADS TO GREELEYVILLE MAN'S FIREARM CONVICTION

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Reginald I. Lloyd stated that Detrell Matthews, age 26, of Greeleyville, South Carolina, pled guilty in federal court to being a felon in possession of a firearm. United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten accepted the plea will impose sentence at a later date.

In April 2007, investigators with the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office received a tip that Matthews had recently purchased a .45 caliber pistol. Matthews has a previous federal felony conviction and is prohibited from possessing a firearm. When contacted by investigators, Matthews admitted he had the gun and turned the pistol over to deputies.

Mr. Lloyd stated the maximum penalty Matthews can receive is life imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant United States Attorney A. Bradley Parham of the Florence office handled the prosecution of the case as part of Project CeaseFire, which seeks to prosecute individuals who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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