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CONWAY ROBBER PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT

Columbia, South Carolina ---- Acting United States Attorney Kevin F. McDonald stated that Travis Sarvis, age 33, of Conway, pled guilty in federal court to being a felon in possession of a firearm. United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten accepted the plea and will impose sentence at a later date.

In January 2006, Sarvis and a juvenile entered Pawn South in Conway and attempted to borrow money. When the clerk refused, the two became agitated and began cursing at the clerk. As the two left the business, one of them threatened to "shoot the place up." The clerk called the police, and the two were located walking away from the store. As police approached the suspects, Sarvis adjusted his waistband, dropped a backpack he was carrying, and told police to "go ahead and shoot."   Police took the two into custody found a loaded .22

caliber revolver.

Police noticed that Sarvis matched the description of a suspect of a robbery of the Sav-Way convenience store on Highway 501 in Conway earlier that day. The clerk of the Sav-Way later identified Sarvis as the man who robbed the store.

Sarvis has armed robbery and burglary convictions and is prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms. Sarvis faces a mandatory minimum term of 15 years imprisonment and a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Conway Police Department, the 15th Circuit Drug Enforcement Unit, and 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 Project CeaseFire, an initiative of the United States Attorney's Office that seeks to aggressively prosecute gun-related crimes.

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