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MYRTLE BEACH FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO ARMED KINGSTREE INCIDENT

Columbia, South Carolina ---- Acting United States Attorney Kevin F.

McDonald stated that Jarrell Maurice Hunter, age 24, of Myrtle Beach, 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.

On June 1, 2007, police responded to a shooting near Wayne's Quick Stop in Kingstree. Police found Hunter in the bathroom of the store and conducted a pat down for weapons. Hunter tried to run, then pulled a loaded Hi-Point pistol out of his pocket. A second loaded pistol fell out of Hunter's waistband during a struggle with police. Police were forced to use a taser to take Hunter into custody.

As a convicted felon, Hunter is prohibited by federal law from possession of firearms. He faces a maximum term of life imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office, Kingstree Police Department, 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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