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**EASTOVER MAN RECEIVES 10 YEAR SENTENCE  
FOR DRUGS AND FIREARM**

COLUMBIA, South Carolina ---- Acting United States Attorney, Kevin F. McDonald stated that William Brown, age 21, of Eastover, South Carolina, was sentenced today in federal court for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine in excess of 5 grams and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. United States District Judge Cameron M. Currie of Columbia sentenced Brown to a total of 120 months (10 years) imprisonment.

Brown pleaded guilty on November 19, 2007. Evidence presented by the government during the course of the proceedings showed that deputies from the Richland County Sheriff's Department observed Brown driving a stolen vehicle and chased him from South Beltline down Garners Ferry Road towards Eastover for approximately 45 minutes. During the chase Brown

threw a bag out the window that contained clothing and a HiPoint .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Brown eventually stopped his vehicle and fled on foot. Brown was seen throwing a plastic bag that contained 5.06 grams of crack. Brown was apprehended trying to enter a residence in Eastover.

Mr. McDonald stated that the case was investigated by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Richland County Sheriff's Department, as part of the joint federal, state and local Project CeaseFire initiative, which aggressively prosecutes firearm cases.

Robert C. Jendron, Jr., of the Columbia office was assigned to prosecute the case.

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