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BENNETTSVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR STOLEN GUNS

Columbia, South Carolina ---- Acting United States Attorney Kevin F McDonald stated that Reginald Wendell Parker, age 50, of Bennettsville, South Carolina, was sentenced to 110 months imprisonment for being a felon in possession of a firearm by United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten.

In April 2007, a Bennettsville resident reported to the Marlboro County Sheriff's Office that six guns had been stolen from his home. Later that month, a man turned over a rifle to the Sheriff's Office, admitting he bought it from Parker and had concerns it may have been stolen. A confidential informant was then recruited to buy two more of the stolen firearms from Parker.

Parker, who was previously convicted of armed robbery, burglary, escape,

and distribution of marijuana, is prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms.

The case was investigated by the Marlboro County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Assistant United States Attorney Rose Mary Parham of the Florence office prosecuted the case as part of Project CeaseFire, an initiative of the United States Attorneys Office that seeks to aggressively prosecute gun-related crimes.

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