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CHARLOTTE MAN CONVICTED FOR DRUGS, GUN

Columbia, South Carolina ---- Acting United States Attorney Kevin F McDonald stated that Robert D. Taylor, age 27, of Charlotte, pled guilty in federal court to being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Taylor faces a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years and a maximum possible penalty of life.

Last May, deputies stopped Taylor in Mullins for speeding and found he was driving with a suspended license. Police 22 grams of crack, a loaded Smith & Wesson revolver, and \$8,500 in cash from the trunk of Taylor's vehicle. Taylor admitted that the gun, drugs, and money belonged to him.

The case was investigated by the Marion 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 is prosecuting 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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