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SCRANTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FIREARM CHARGE

Columbia, South Carolina ---- Acting United States Attorney Kevin F McDonald stated that King Solomon McCrea, Jr., age 29, of Scranton, South Carolina, pled guilty in federal court to being a felon in possession of a firearm. United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell accepted the plea and will impose sentence at a later date.

On April 11, 2007, Police Chief Rogers attempted to make a traffic stop on a car driven by McCrea for a seatbelt violation. McCrea refused to stop, running several stop signs and eventually crashing into a Lake City police car before coming to a stop. Once arrested, officers located a loaded .380 caliber pistol under the driver's seat of the car.

McCrea, who has previously been convicted of burglary and failure to stop for a blue light, is prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms. He faces a

maximum term of ten years imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Scranton 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 Attorneys Office that seeks to aggressively prosecute gun-related crimes.

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