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MYRTLE BEACH MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated that Jarrell Maurice Hunter, age 24, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was sentenced by United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten to 5 years imprisonment for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On June 1, 2007, police responded to a shooting near Wayne's Quick Stop in Kingtree. 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.

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 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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