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### **CONWAY MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION**

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated that Travis Sarvis, age 26, of Conway, was sentenced by United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten to 20 years imprisonment for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

In January 2006, Sarvis and a juvenile entered Pawn South in Conway and attempted to borrow money. When the clerk refused, the two became agitated and began cursing at the clerk. As the two left the business, one of them threatened to "shoot the place up." The clerk called the police, and the two were located walking away from the store. As police approached the suspects, Sarvis adjusted his waistband, dropped a backpack he was carrying, and told police to "go ahead and shoot." Police took the two into custody and found a loaded .22

caliber revolver.

Sarvis has armed robbery and burglary convictions and is prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms.

The case was investigated by the Conway Police Department, the 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Drug Enforcement Unit, 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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