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**LANCASTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
FEDERAL FIREARM CHARGE**

COLUMBIA, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated that Larry Ingram, Jr., age 24, of Lancaster, South Carolina, pled guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition in federal court. United States District Judge Joseph F. Anderson, Jr., accepted the plea and will impose sentence at a later date.

Evidence presented at the guilty plea hearing established that last April, Lancaster Police Department officers were on patrol at 11:00 p.m., when they noticed a disturbance outside a business. One of the individuals at the scene was identified as Larry Ingram, Jr., who fled from officers when they approached. After a short foot chase, officers caught Ingram and recovered a fully-loaded Smith & Wesson .40 caliber handgun.

Ingram is prohibited under federal law from possessing a firearm or ammunition based upon his prior state convictions for assault and battery of a high and aggravated

nature, burglary 2nd degree, unlawfully carrying a weapon, possession of a pistol by a person under 21 years of age, breaking into motor vehicles, and burglary 3rd degree. Based upon his status as an armed career criminal, Ingram faces a mandatory minimum 15 years imprisonment and a maximum of life in federal prison.

The case was investigated by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Lancaster Police Department, and was prosecuted as part of the joint federal, state, and local Project CeaseFire initiative, which aggressively prosecutes firearm cases. Assistant United States Attorney Stacey D. Haynes of the Columbia office handled the prosecution of the case.

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