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### **LATTA MAN GUILTY OF POSSESSING DRUGS, GUNS**

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney REGINALD I. LLOYD stated today that FLOYD JOHNSON, III, age 33, of Latta, South Carolina, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime. United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell of Florence accepted the plea and will impose sentence at a later date.

In May 2006, Johnson was stopped at a driver's license check-point in Dillon County. While arresting Johnson for a suspended license, officers patted him down and found a bag of blue pills in Johnson's pocket. A search of his car revealed 34.17 grams of cocaine and several pills in small plastic bags ready for sale. Officers also found four loaded pistols and a loaded 12-gauge shotgun.

Johnson faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum possible penalty of life in prison.

The case was investigated by the South Carolina Highway Patrol and agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Assistant United States Attorney Rose Mary Parham of the Florence office is handling prosecution of the case as part of Project CeaseFire, which seeks to prosecute individuals who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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