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CHARLESTON FELON SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING FIREARM

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney REGINALD I. LLOYD stated that Lancy Ellithorpe McClary, age 27, of Charleston, was sentenced to 188 months imprisonment for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Chief United States District Judge David C. Norton also ordered that McClary be monitored by a United States Probation Officer for five years after completing his prison term.

Evidence established that in July 2005, an officer with the North Charleston Police Department stopped McClary's car for failing to use a turn signal. After asking McClary to exit the vehicle, the officer found a loaded firearm under the driver's seat.

At the time of his arrest, McClary was prohibited from possessing a

firearm due to several prior felony convictions.

Mr. Lloyd stated that the prosecution was carried out in cooperation with the North Charleston Police Department, the 9th Circuit Solicitor's office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, through the joint federal, state, and local Project Ceasefire initiative. Project Ceasefire seeks to aggressively prosecute individuals who unlawfully use, possess or transfer firearms and ammunition. Assistant United States Attorney John C. Duane of the Charleston office prosecuted the case.

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