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FIVE FACE FEDERAL FIREARM CHARGES

COLUMBIA, South Carolina -- United States Attorney Reginald I. Lloyd announced that a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Florence, South Carolina, returned Indictments against five men in unrelated firearm cases. The Indictments are the result of Project Ceasefire, an initiative by the U.S. Attorney's office that targets gun crimes.

JOE BRIAN MCFADDEN, age 27, of Florence, South Carolina, was charged in a one-count indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm on July 29, 2007, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2) and (e). The maximum penalty the defendant could receive is life imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Florence Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and is being prosecuted by Assistant

United States Attorney Rose Mary Parham of the Florence Office.

RANDO TISDALE, age 23, of Kingstree, South Carolina, was charged in a one-count indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition on April 21, 2007, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2) and (e). The maximum penalty the defendant could receive is life imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Kingstree Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rose Mary Parham of the Florence Office.

DWIGHT MATTHEW WILLIAMS, age 25, of Dillon, South Carolina, was charged in a one-count indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition on April 7, 2007, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2) and (e). The maximum penalty the defendant could receive is life imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Dillon County Sheriff's Office, the Dillon Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney A. Bradley Parham of the Florence Office.

JOSE PINEDA HERNANDEZ, age 20, of Monroe, North Carolina, was charged in a one-count indictment with being an alien who was illegally in the United States and who was in possession of a firearm and ammunition on August 29, 2007, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(5), 924(a)(2). The maximum penalty the

defendant could receive is 10 years imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney A. Bradley Parham of the Florence Office.

JERRY CORENELIUS VAUGHT, JR., age 32, of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was charged in a one-count Indictment with felon in possession of a firearm, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1). The maximum penalty the defendant could receive is a fine of \$250,000.00 and/or imprisonment of 10 years to life years.

Mr. Lloyd stated that the case was investigated by agents of the ATF and that he has assigned the case to Assistant United States Attorney Alfred W. Bethea, Jr. of the Florence office for prosecution.

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