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### **THREAT TO COLLEGE STUDENT RESULTS IN FEDERAL FIREARM CONVICTION**

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney REGINALD I. LLOYD stated today that JULIUS FRANKLIN LYNCH, age 29, of Columbia, pled guilty this week in federal court to being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell of Florence accepted the plea and will impose sentence at a later date.

In August 2006, Coastal Carolina police officers stopped Lynch on campus after receiving a report that he had threatened to kill a Coastal Carolina student. Officers saw and seized a loaded 9mm pistol next to his car seat. Lynch admitted to police that it was his gun.

Lynch is a convicted felon, and as such is prohibited from possessing a

firearm. He now faces up to ten years in federal prison.

The case was investigated by the Coastal Carolina Police Department and agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Assistant United States Attorney Rose Mary Parham of the Florence office is prosecuting the case as part of Operation CeaseFire, an initiative of the United States Attorneys Office that seeks to aggressively prosecute gun-related crimes.

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