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CHESTERFIELD MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POST OFFICE BURGLARY

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. WALTER WILKINS stated today that JOHNNY LEE BURCH, age 55, of Chesterfield, SC, pled guilty today in federal court in Florence, to burglary of a post office, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2115. United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell of Florence accepted the plea and will impose sentence after he has reviewed the presentence report which will be prepared by the U.S. Probation Office.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that BURCH burglarized the Chesterfield Post Office on March 19, 2009. BURCH stole a small amount of cash and food during the burglary and was arrested a few days later by the Chesterfield Police Department.

Mr. Wilkins stated the maximum penalty BURCH can receive is a fine of \$250,000.00 and/or imprisonment for 5 years, plus a special assessment of \$100.00.

The case was investigated by agents of the Chesterfield Police Department and the United States Postal Inspection Service. Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, II of the Florence office handled the case.

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