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FLORENCE MAN GETS PRISON FOR FIREARM

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney REGINALD I. LLOYD stated today that MELVIN GARY CAULDER, age 30, of Florence, South Carolina, was sentenced by United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell to 33 months imprisonment for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Caulder was arrested last May after officers found him arguing in the street with other men. One of the men told the officers that Caulder had shot at him earlier in the day. Officers searched Caulder's car nearby and found a loaded Smith & Wesson .40 caliber pistol under the driver's seat.

Caulder has a prior drug conviction and is prohibited by federal law from possessing a firearm.

The case was investigated by the Florence 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 prosecuted the case as part of Project CeaseFire, which seeks to prosecute individuals who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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