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### **SPARTANBURG WOMAN INDICTED FOR COUNTERFEIT CASH**

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. WALTER WILKINS stated today that ERICA TENISHA THOMPSON, age 24, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, was charged in a two count Indictment. Both counts allege that THOMPSON possessed and aided in passing counterfeit money, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 472 and 2.

The maximum penalty THOMPSON could receive for each count is a fine of \$250,000.00 and/or imprisonment for twenty years.

Mr. Wilkins stated that the case was investigated by agents of the U.S. Secret Service, and that he has assigned the case to Assistant United States Attorney William C. Lucius of the Greenville office for prosecution.

The United States Attorney stated that all charges in this Indictment are

merely accusations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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