



PRESS NOTICE
W. WALTER WILKINS
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

*1441 Main Street, Suite 500 * Columbia, SC 29201 * (803) 929-3000**

October 8, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT PERSON: KEVIN F. MCDONALD
(803) 929-3000

GANG MEMBER SENTENCED FOR FIREARM CHARGE

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated that Lashon Alvin Ladson, age 24, of Longs, South Carolina, was sentenced to 105 months imprisonment by United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

During a traffic stop in May 2008, an Horry County police officer asked Ladson to step from the car and seized a loaded stolen pistol from his waistband. Ladson was wearing a blue bandana and had a tattoo that prosecutors identified as associated with the Crips street gang.

The case was investigated by the Horry County Police Department and 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 Project CeaseFire, which seeks to prosecute individuals who unlawfully

use or possess firearms.

#####