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LADSON MAN CHARGED WITH IMPERSONATING NCIS AGENT

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated today that Harry Edgar Lewis, III, age 54, of Ladson, was charged in a two-count Indictment with impersonating a federal officer and possessing a firearm on a federal facility during the commission of a crime. Federal agents contend that Lewis entered the Naval Weapons Station in Charleston last month posing as a Naval Criminal Investigative Service agent, complete with a false badge, uniform, and a loaded firearm.

The maximum penalty Lewis could receive is a fine of \$250,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Mr. Wilkins stated that the case was investigated by agents of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and that he has assigned the case to Assistant

United States Attorney Matthew J. Modica of the Charleston office for prosecution.

The United States Attorney stated that all charges in this Indictment are merely accusations and that all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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