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SUMTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL FIREARM CHARGE FOLLOWING TRICK OR TREAT SHOOTING

COLUMBIA, South Carolina - - United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins announced today that Quentin Lamar Patrick, a/k/a "Yop", age 23, of Sumter, South Carolina, pled guilty today to being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2), and 924(e). Senior United States District Court Judge Matthew J. Perry, Jr., accepted the guilty plea and will impose sentence after he has reviewed the presentence report, which will be prepared by the U.S. Probation Office.

Evidence presented during the guilty plea hearing showed that on Halloween night, October 31, 2008, Daphne and Freddie Grinnell took their sons

trick-or-treating in Sumter. After leaving the city's Halloween event, they decided to trick-or-treat at a few houses on their way home. At approximately 8:30 p.m., Grinnell and his sons, who were dressed in Halloween costumes, approached Patrick's home with trick-or-treat bags, as Grinnell's wife and two-year-old son waited in the car. The family decided to stop at the home as the porch light was turned on, which they took to mean that the residents welcomed trick-or-treaters. When twelve-year-old Tony Darrisaw stepped onto the porch and pulled the screen door back to knock on the door, without warning, approximately thirty rounds of bullets from an AK-47 style rifle blasted from inside the house, through the front door and front wall of the house, striking him 11 times, his brother twice, and his father Freddie twice. Tony Darrisaw died from those fatal bullet wounds. When police arrived, Patrick approached them and voluntarily admitted to the shooting, saying, "I did it. I shot them." Patrick later told officers that he fired the gun as he thought he was going to be robbed.

Inside Patrick's residence, officers recovered a Romarm SA/Cugir, model SAR-1, AK-47 style, 7.62x39mm caliber rifle on the floor and a Ruger 9mm caliber handgun in the bathroom sink, along with 7.62x39mm and 9mm ammunition. Officers also conducted a gunshot residue kit on Patrick, which indicated that there was gunshot residue on both of his hands.

Patrick, who has three prior state convictions for distribution of crack cocaine and one prior conviction for failure to stop for a blue light and siren, is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms and/or ammunition.

Patrick, an armed career criminal, faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years imprisonment and a maximum of life imprisonment, along with a fine of \$250,000.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Sumter Police Department, in coordination with the 3rd Circuit Solicitor's Office, as part of the joint federal, state, and local Project CeaseFire initiative, which aggressively prosecutes firearm cases. Assistant United States Stacey D. Haynes of the Columbia office handled the prosecution of the case.

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