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LEXINGTON MAN GUILTY OF BANK FRAUD

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated that Donald Ray Russell, Jr., 32, of Lexington, pled guilty in federal court in Columbia to bank fraud. United States District Judge Cameron McGowan Currie accepted the plea and will sentence Russell at a later date.

From about December 2006 through January 2007, Russell admitted possessing and cashing stolen checks. Russell made the checks payable to himself, forged the check owner's signature, and cashed the checks at a local bank, ranging from \$200 to \$3,000 amounts. The total loss amount to the local bank was \$8,375.00.

The maximum penalty of imprisonment Russell faces is 30 years in prison and a \$1,000,000.00 fine.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Secret Service. Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne Hunter Young of the Columbia office is prosecuting the case.

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