



# ***PRESS NOTICE***

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**CHESTERFIELD MAN WHO SHOT HIMSELF  
AND FIANCEE SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS**

COLUMBIA, South Carolina -- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins announced today that Carey Andrew Shaw, age 52, of Chesterfield, South Carolina was sentenced by United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten to 10 years in prison, the statutory maximum sentence, for being a felon in possession of a firearm. There is no parole in the federal system.

Evidence in the case established that on January 27, 2009, Shaw got into an argument with his fiancée and shot her in the head with a shotgun. Shaw then held his fiancée hostage until she was able to escape and receive medical treatment. When law enforcement returned to arrest Shaw, Shaw placed the shotgun under his chin and shot himself. Both Shaw and his fiancée survived their injuries. Shaw had been previously convicted of Arson in 1998 and Criminal Domestic Violence in 2000.

The case was investigated by the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rose Mary Parham of the Florence Office.