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### **MIDLANDS MAN AND LAMAR MAN GUILTY OF COUNTERFEIT CHECK FRAUD**

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated that Saleem Edward Webb, 32, of Columbia, and Timothy Hicks, 42, of Lamar, pled guilty today in federal court in Columbia to conspiracy to utter and possess counterfeit commercial checks. United States District Judge Margaret B. Seymour of Columbia will sentence Webb and Hicks at a later date.

From about May 2006 through June 2006, Webb and Hicks admitted obtaining counterfeit commercial checks from a co-defendant and cashing the counterfeit checks at different locations, including Columbia, Hartsville, and Lamar. The co-defendant who provided the counterfeit checks to Webb and Hicks has already pled guilty.

Webb and Hicks face a maximum possible penalty of five years in federal

prison and a \$250,000 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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