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COLUMBIA MEN SENTENCED FOR NIGHTCLUB ARSON

Columbia, SC – United States Attorney Reginald I. Lloyd stated that Pearlie Ingram, age 50, and Danny Lewis Carr, age 39, both of Columbia, were sentenced on federal arson charges stemming from the June 2002 fire that damaged the Columbia Live nightclub at 7369 Garner's Ferry Road. United States District Judge Cameron McGowan Currie sentenced Ingram to 46 months imprisonment and Carr to 42 months. Judge Currie also ordered the men to pay \$246,600.00 in restitution.

Testimony in the case established that CARR set a fire at the Columbia Live nightclub which was owned by INGRAM, so that INGRAM could file fraudulent insurance claims. At trial, federal prosecutors introduced a videotape of CARR bragging about how he set the fire. The video was made without CARR's knowledge through the cooperation of a person who knew CARR and who had approached law

enforcement with information about the fire.

This case was investigated by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in cooperation with the Richland County Fire Marshals Office and the Richland County Sheriffs Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Dean A. Eichelberger and Deborah Barbier of the Columbia office of the United States Attorney.

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