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### **HANAHAN MAN CONVICTED OF DRUGS AND GUN OFFENSES**

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney REGINALD I. LLOYD stated today that ALDI RAMON CABAN, age 34, of Hanahan, South Carolina, was found guilty today after a two-day jury trial in federal court in Charleston. CABAN was convicted of three separate charges: being involved in a methamphetamine drug conspiracy dating back to the summer of 2005; the possession of an illegal short-barreled rifle in November of 2005; and being a felon in possession of a pistol in September of 2006. United States District Judge Michael Duffy of Charleston will impose sentence at a later date after he has reviewed a presentence report detailing CABAN'S background and history.

Evidence presented at the trial revealed that CABAN, his co-defendants and numerous other individuals were involved in the purchase and distribution of

various amounts of methamphetamine throughout the Charleston area from July of 2005 through the fall of 2006. When one of CABAN'S co-conspirators was busted in November of 2005, she was found to be in possession of six ounces of methamphetamine and a short-barreled rifle, illegal because of it's compact size. Evidence presented to the jury established that shortly before her arrest, she had obtained the rifle from CABAN. When police officers served an arrest warrant on CABAN in September of 2006, there was a pistol in the glove box of the car which he was driving. Although CABAN claimed that both the vehicle and the pistol belonged to his father, his fingerprint was located on the loaded magazine inside the pistol.

CABAN has a previous felony conviction for distribution of methamphetamine in 2004, and therefore is prohibited from lawfully possessing any firearm or ammunition. Because his previous conviction is drug related, CABAN faces a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 10 years and a fine of \$250,000 pursuant to federal sentencing laws.

The case was investigated by agents of the North Charleston Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant United States Attorney Alston Badger and Charlie Bourne of the Charleston office handled the case.

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