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MYRTLE BEACH BANK ROBBERS PLEAD GUILTY

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated that Maurice Russell Small, age 23, and Elysia Nicole Nolan, age 20, both of Myrtle Beach, pled guilty in federal court to bank robbery, and to robbing a bank while out on bond.

Evidence established that Small and Nolan robbed the Georgetown Craft Credit Union in Georgetown on May 21, 2008, the Citizen's Bank in Florence, on May 29, 2008, and the Anderson Brother's Bank in Loris on June 2, 2008. They were arrested on June 2, 2008 and released on bond. They then robbed the Branch Banking and Trust in Murrell's Inlet on June 26, 2008, and were re-arrested.

Mr. Wilkins stated the maximum penalty Small and Nolan can receive is a fine of \$250,000.00 and imprisonment for 20 years, plus an additional 10 years for

robbing a bank while on bond. United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell will sentence them at a later date.

The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, II, of the Florence office handled the case.

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