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COLUMBIA MAN CONVICTED FOR GUN POSSESSION

COLUMBIA, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Reginald I. Lloyd stated that Zee Zee Zelazurro, age 25, of Columbia, was sentenced by Senior United States District Judge Matthew J. Perry, Jr., to 57 months in prison for possessing a firearm and ammunition as a convicted felon.

In November 2005, Richland County deputies responded to a disturbance call, and found Zelazurro seated in a car. One of the officers observed Zelazurro removing bullets from his pocket and kicking them under the car seat. When officers searched the car, they found a Beretta .22L semi-automatic pistol under the seat as well.

Zelazurro is prohibited from possessing a gun or ammunition, having been convicted of state drug and assault charges.

Mr. Lloyd stated that the case was investigated by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Richland County Sheriff's Department, as part of the joint federal, state and local Project CeaseFire initiative, which aggressively prosecutes firearm cases. Assistant United States Attorney, Robert C. Jendron, Jr. prosecuted the case.

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