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ORANGEBURG MAN FACES CRIMINAL BANKRUPTCY CHARGES

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Kevin F. McDonald stated today that Tommy Charles Harrison, Jr., age 42, of Orangeburg, was charged in a two-count Indictment with criminal contempt and making a false statement in a bankruptcy petition.

Court records indicate that Harrison filed for bankruptcy eight times since 1995, with all the cases eventually being dismissed. After his seventh petition was dismissed in March 2006, he was prohibited from filing for bankruptcy again by United States Bankruptcy Judge John E. Waites. However, Harrison filed his eighth petition two months later despite the court's order.

The maximum penalty Harrison could receive is a fine of \$2,000,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Mr. McDonald stated that the case was investigated by the Office of the United States Trustee and agents of the FBI. He has assigned the case to Assistant United States Attorney Todd Hagins of the Columbia office for prosecution.

The United States Attorney stated that all charges in this Indictment are merely accusations and that all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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