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## Federal Bureau of Investigation

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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced today the arrest of Jerry Wayne Smith, 38 years old, of Gaffney, South Carolina, on charges related to the sale of stolen DIRECTV access cards, which are primarily of assistance in the unauthorized decryption of satellite television programming. Smith was charged in a complaint filed on July 11, 2005

Information developed from the investigation led to the arrest of Smith at a truck stop in Gaffney, South Carolina. Smith was arrested without incident.

Smith was afforded an initial appearance before a federal magistrate in Greenville, South Carolina and was released on \$25,000 bond. Prosecution of this matter is being handled by the United States Attorney's Office in Greenville, South Carolina. If convicted Smith could face a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a substantial fine.

A complaint is merely an accusation that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent, until, and unless, proven guilty.