

# *Gunman Dylann Roof Indicted on Federal Hate Crime Charges in South Carolina*

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Washington, July 23 (RHC)-- A grand jury in the United States has indicted accused Charleston shooter Dylann Roof on federal hate crime charges for massacring nine African Americans inside the historic Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, in June.

Roof was indicted on 33 federal counts total and could face the death penalty. U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch announced the indictment Wednesday, saying that the charges included killing the nine Black persons "because of their race and in order to interfere with their exercise of their religion."

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