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BOWIE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING 34 GUNS

Sold Guns in Maryland Stolen from Virginia Gun Shop

Greenbelt, Maryland - Michael A. Henderson, age 22, of Bowie, Maryland, pleaded guilty today to possessing and selling stolen firearms, and stealing firearms from a federally licensed firearms dealer, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to the plea agreement, on June 13, 2008, Henderson and a co-conspirator broke into a federally licensed firearms dealer, Green Top Sporting Goods, in Glen Allen, Virginia, and used a baseball bat, bolt cutters, hammers and duffel bags to steal 34 firearms.

After returning to his residence in Bowie, Maryland, Henderson kept 16 of the stolen guns, and a co-conspirator kept the rest. On June 16, 2008, and again on June 20, 2008 at the Mitchellville Plaza in Bowie, Henderson sold one of the stolen firearms, a Ruger Model P94 .40 caliber pistol, for \$550, and an IWI Desert Eagle .50 caliber pistol, for \$1,000, respectively, to a confidential informant. Henderson was arrested on June 20, 2008, and law enforcement recovered two more of the stolen firearms - a Springfield .45 caliber pistol, loaded with 14 rounds of ammunition, including one in the chamber, from Henderson and a Kimber .45 caliber pistol in a backpack in his vehicle.

Henderson faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release on each charge. U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow has scheduled sentencing for December 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Hanover County, Virginia Sheriff's Department, the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, Prince George's County Police Department and the Maryland State Police for their investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant United States Attorney Steven M. Dunne, who is prosecuting the case.