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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN TO SPEND EIGHT YEARS
IN PRISON FOR POSSESSING STOLEN FIREARM**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court, Michael Berryman, 53, of Albuquerque, N.M., was sentenced to eight years in prison for possession of a stolen firearm. Berryman will be on supervised release for three years after he completes his prison sentence.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Berryman entered a guilty plea on Oct. 12, 2012, to an information charging him with possession of a stolen firearm. In his plea agreement, Berryman admitted possessing a stolen firearm, a Davis Industries, model D-22, .22 caliber derringer pistol, in Bernalillo County, N.M., on Aug. 27, 2011. Berryman acknowledged purchasing the firearm from a friend even though he had reasonable cause to believe that the friend had stolen the firearm from his wife.

Berryman has been in federal custody since his arrest on federal charges on Dec. 27, 2011.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and the Albuquerque Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys David M. Walsh and C. Paige Messec.

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