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RONALD VAN FOSSEN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGE

DAVENPORT, IA - On April 14, 2011, Ronald Wilbert Van Fossen, age 63, of Davenport, Iowa, was sentenced to 12 months and one day of imprisonment after pleading guilty to possession of a firearm after conviction for a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge James E. Gritzner also ordered Van Fossen to serve 2 years of supervised release following his imprisonment and pay \$100 to the Crime Victims Fund.

Van Fossen pled guilty to simple domestic assault on April 13, 2007. On August 14, 2010, a driver contacted the police department about a hit and run accident involving a Ford F-150 at River Drive and Mound Street in Davenport. The license plate of the vehicle came back registered to a business involving Van Fossen. Police were unable to locate the Ford F-150 that evening. The next morning, Van Fossen contacted the police department and reported the Ford F-150 stolen. As part of this stolen vehicle investigation, a loaded .38 caliber revolver was found inside the truck. Van Fossen admitted the firearm belonged to him. At sentencing, Van Fossen agreed there was a preponderance of evidence that he was in fact the actual driver of the Ford F-150 at the time of the accident. Van Fossen is a former Davenport Police Officer and Davenport City Alderman.

This investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the Davenport Police Department, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.