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WAYNE COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF STOLEN FIREARMS

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A Wayne County, Missouri man pled guilty today to possession of stolen firearms, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

ROY LEE STOUT, age 22, pled guilty to one felony count of possession of stolen firearms. He appeared before United States District Judge E. Richard Webber.

On December 18, 2007, federal and state officers were executing a federal search warrant at a residence in Wayne County, Missouri. One of the officers assisting in that search found a man in a shed near the home being searched. The officer discovered that the man was in the shed with two firearms that had been stolen earlier during the same day as the search.

Information recovered at the scene led officers to make contact with Roy Lee Stout in regards to the two firearms mentioned earlier. Mr. Stout was given a Miranda warning. He admitted that he and another man had burglarized a home in Wayne County, Missouri and had stolen three

firearms from that home. The third firearm was found inside the home that was being searched. Mr. Stout had sold the three firearms to the person who lived in the house being searched. Those firearms are described as a Remington, 5mm caliber rifle, bearing serial number 1092936, a Savage, .30-30 caliber rifle, bearing no serial number, and a Marlin-Glenfield, .22 caliber rifle, bearing serial number 70279922.

Stout now faces a maximum punishment of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing has been set for October 22, 2008.

Hanaway praised the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.