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Davenport Man Sentenced to 27 Months for Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Handgun

Davenport, IA- On October 28, 2008, Sedrick McKinley Hall, age 28, of Davenport, was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment, having previously been convicted of one count of unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition by a felon, announced United States Attorney Matthew G. Whitaker. United States District Judge John A. Jarvey also ordered Hall to serve three years on supervised release following imprisonment and to pay an assessment of \$100 to the Crime Victim Fund.

On March 9, 2008, Davenport police officers investigating a complaint of a hit and run traffic accident encountered Hall in the residence of the complainant. Police, aware that Hall was the subject of outstanding arrest warrants for previous offenses, placed him under arrest. When initially encountered by police, Hall was laying on a bed with one hand under a blanket. Police found a loaded .45 caliber handgun under the blanket along with \$1,678 in cash.

A trace of the firearm revealed that it had been stolen on October 18, 2007, in the course of a burglary of a federal firearms licensed dealer in Carbon Cliff, IL. Hall told police that he purchased the handgun from an unknown male in the bathroom of a Wendy's restaurant in Davenport.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa and investigated by the Davenport Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.