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NOTTINGHAM MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSING FIREARM

CONCORD, N.H. – Joshua Fields, 32, of Nottingham, was sentenced in United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire to 15 years in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney John P. Kacavas.

Fields pleaded guilty to the charge on July 3, 2014. Fields admitted that on November 19, 2013, he and others participated in a burglary in Candia, New Hampshire. Among the items stolen during the burglary were six firearms. A few days later, Fields and two accomplices entered the Kittery Trading Post in Kittery, Maine, where they attempted to pawn one of the stolen firearms. As a convicted felon, it was unlawful for Fields to possess a firearm.

United States Attorney John P. Kacavas praised the efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement in this case and said "ensuring that persons who violate the prohibition against possessing firearms are brought to justice is a central mission of my office. We will continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners to enforce federal gun laws."

This investigation involved the cooperative efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Candia Police Department, the New Hampshire State Police, the Kittery Police Department, the Rockingham County Attorney's Office and the District Attorney's Office in York County, Maine. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John J. Farley.