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Home Depot Thief Sentenced

January 14, 2015- Tamuning, Guam – Gerard Belga, the defendant who was convicted of second degree retail theft, was sentenced to 8 years imprisonment at the Department of Corrections by Judge Sukola.

In May, Belga was observed exiting the Home Depot store with power tools valued at around $1,200 without paying for them.

Two days later, Belga returned to the Home Depot Store and took four drills valued at around $1,200. He told the cashier that he was picking up the drills for a friend and produced an invalid receipt. He was apprehended by a store loss prevention manager and Guam Airport Police was called to the site.

"I'd like to thank the staff of Home Depot and Guam Airport Police for coordinating their efforts and providing us with the evidence and documents necessary to pursue justice in this case," said Assistant Attorney General J. Basil O'Mallan III.

Belga must serve three years parole after he is released from DOC. A restitution hearing is scheduled for February 02, 2015.

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