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**North Berwick Man Sentenced For Armed Robbery**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that on March 31, 2008, Michael Pomerleau, 28, of North Berwick, Maine, was sentenced in United States District Court in Portland, to 141 months imprisonment, 5 years supervised release and restitution of \$1,382 for the armed robberies of three gasoline station convenience stores in southern Maine. Pomerleau pleaded guilty on December 10, 2007, to three armed robberies and possession of a firearm while committing a violent crime.

Court records reveal that, between July 7 (in the evening) and July 8 (twice in the morning), 2007, Pomerleau robbed, at gunpoint, three convenience store gas stations, in the towns of Yarmouth, Topsham and Falmouth. Each time, Pomerleau threatened the clerks with a pistol; each time, the clerks gave him the money he had demanded, and Pomerleau left the stores.

During the course of a traffic stop in Old Orchard Beach late in the evening of July 8, 2007, Pomerleau was found in possession of the pistol he had used in all three armed robberies, among other items.

These robberies involved gun violence at local businesses engaged in interstate commerce, the reduction of which is a significant federal enforcement priority of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Old Orchard Police Department.

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