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Shotgun Stolen in '92 Recovered By BF Police

On Saturday, June 09, 2012, two officers with the Bosque Farms Police Department decided to make a walk-through of the Bosque Farms flea market. That decision led to the recovery of a stolen Sturm Ruger 12 gauge over/under shotgun, valued at \$1,600.00, which was reported stolen in 1992 by the Albuquerque Police Department.

Det. Sgt. Valdez said that he and officer Hanna were looking for any suspicious activity when they came across a man selling a shotgun. While talking with the man, both officers became suspicious about the asking price. "He wanted to sell a very valuable shotgun for \$800.00" Valdez said. The serial number on the shotgun was run through NCIC and it came back stolen.

Valdez said the man told him he bought the shotgun about 15 years ago and had no idea it was stolen. The shotgun, which was still in excellent condition, was seized and will be returned to the rightful owner.

Valdez said this was an example of why it's important to record serial numbers on valuable property. "If your property is ever stolen, the police will be asking for the serial number so the item can be entered into NCIC" he said. "As we found out in this case, you never know when or how your stolen property will be recovered by the police" Valdez said.

The investigation in this case continues. End of press release.