

Ford's Theatre National Historic Site



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*Manufacturer: John Deringer, Philadelphia, Pa.*

This gun was used by John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865. It is a .44 caliber Deringer pistol and was fired at the President from between seven and ten inches away. The gun was a single shot pistol and the bullet entered Lincoln's head near his left ear. The gun is only about six inches long.