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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Willie Davis, 45, of Madison, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 10 years in prison, without the possibility of parole, for possessing 5 grams or more of cocaine base with intent to distribute. Davis pleaded guilty to this charge on November 20, 2008.

On June 19, 2008, Davis was arrested after officers executed a search warrant at his room at the Highlander Motel in Madison. The warrant was obtained after officers had conducted an investigation that lasted several months, during which they purchased a combination of crack cocaine and heroin from Davis on eight occasions.

Davis has sixteen adult convictions, including one felony drug conviction and two felony convictions for crimes of violence. As a result of those convictions, Davis was classified as a career offender under the federal sentencing guidelines. Davis's career offender guidelines range was greater than ten years, but the range was reduced because after his arrest he immediately cooperated against two other career offender crack cocaine dealers - Odell Dobbs and Leroy Sharp. On November 14, 2008, Judge Crabb sentenced Dobbs to 262 months in prison. Sharp will be sentenced on April 15,

2009.

The charge against Davis is the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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