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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: September 23, 2008  
Re: The People v. Luther Donele Gilmore, Jr.  
Case No. 1243891

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA - Stanislaus County District Attorney, Birgit Fladager, announced that on September 18, 2008, Luther Donele Gilmore, Jr. 26, of Oakland was sentenced to state prison for seven years by the Honorable Timothy W. Salter. Gilmore was convicted on September 3, 2008 by jury trial of selling cocaine base, or "rock cocaine" and admitted having a prior drug conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on April 9, 2008 in Modesto. During an operation conducted by officers of the Modesto Police Department Narcotic Enforcement Team, Gilmore was arrested for participating in the sale of approximately \$20 worth of rock cocaine.