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## **MAN FOUND GUILTY OF DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE AT BETHUNE PARK IN WIMAUMA**

Tampa, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton, along with David Gee, Sheriff of Hillsborough County, announces that a federal jury has found Jules Gachette (age 21, of Wimauma) guilty of two counts of distributing crack cocaine. The jury found Gachette guilty of distributing crack cocaine at Bethune Park in Wimauma on September 25, 2008 and again on January 30, 2009. Because one of the drug deals took place within 1,000 feet of a playground, Gachette faces a maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison. A sentencing date has been set for July 27, 2009.

This is one of several cases in the Wimauma area that undercover deputies with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office have recently brought in response to complaints about criminal gang activity. According to Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office records, Gachette was believed to be an associate of Southside gang, which is affiliated with SUR13.

This case was investigated by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Walter E. Furr, III.