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Madison Man Charged with Drug Crime

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Madison returned an indictment today charging Derrick L. Harden, 26, of Madison, with possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that he possessed five grams or more of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute on June 11, 2008.

If convicted, Harden faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and a maximum penalty of forty years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department and Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz .

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty

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