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### **STERLING MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF COCAINE, CRACK COCAINE AND ECSTASY WITH THE INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE IT**

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, together with ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, RON POTTHOFF, Chief of the Sterling Police Department, and JOHN BIFFANY, Illinois State Police Master Sgt. and Director of the Blackhawk Area Task Force, today made the following announcement:

Today, **JOSHUA L. DAVIS**, 31, Sterling, Illinois, was charged with possessing approximately 399.5 grams of cocaine, 10.9 grams of crack cocaine and 49.4 grams of methylenedioxymethamphetamine, commonly known as ecstasy, with the intent to distribute it. A complaint filed today in federal court in Rockford alleges that on June 12, 2008, federal, state and local law enforcement officers searched Davis' apartment in Sterling, Illinois pursuant to a search warrant issued by a federal magistrate. The complaint alleges that agents seized cocaine, crack cocaine and ecstasy along with other items associated with drug trafficking including plastic baggies, digital scales, and approximately \$9,700 in United States currency. The complaint further alleges that agents seized two firearms, a Colt Anaconda .44 caliber handgun and a Ruger 9mm handgun from Davis' apartment as well.

Davis appeared today before United States Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney and was ordered to be detained without bond pending a detention hearing and preliminary examination. That hearing and examination is set for June 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

The charge contained in the complaint carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment, a maximum possible sentence of 40 years imprisonment, a fine of \$2,000,000, and at least 4 years of supervised release following his release from imprisonment. The actual sentence would be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the federal Sentencing Guidelines and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

This case was jointly investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Sterling Police Department, and the Illinois State Police, Blackhawk Area Task Force. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

Members of the public are reminded that a complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to indictment by a federal grand jury and a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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