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## PRESS RELEASE

### *Search Warrant Uncovers Illegal Narcotics*

On 04-04-2008, around 2:30pm, Commerce Police Tactical Officers executed a narcotics search warrant at an apartment in the 2000 block of Washington Street. The search warrant came after an investigation into narcotic sales at this apartment.

Officers encountered one person inside the residence, identified as Terry Joe Hilliard, B/M, 31 yoa. Once the apartment was secured, a search team was formed to look for evidence of illegal narcotic activity. Officers located about 8 baggies of what is believed to be cocaine, both in rock and powder form. The search also uncovered a loaded 9 millimeter pistol, packaging material, scales and approximately 5 cigars filled with what is believed to be marijuana. The marijuana cigars and the cocaine was all packaged ready to be sold on the streets of Commerce.

During the investigation today, it was found that Hilliard is a convicted felon, so additional charges related to the firearm was filed. Hilliard was charged with the following offenses:

- 1). Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1 to 4 grams
- 2). Possession of a Marijuana Under 2 ounces
- 3). Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon

Judge Jennifer Reeves arraigned Hilliard on all three charges. His bond was set at \$15,000 on each charge.

Other evidence was recovered at the residence that may link Hilliard to other crimes. The investigation into this apartment will continue.

Submitted by:

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