

# U.S. Dept. of Justice: Clark County woman sentenced to 5 years in prison for trafficking methamphetamine

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MADISON, WIS. – Timothy M. O’Shea, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Samantha K. Fristoe, 30, Owen, Wisconsin was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley to 5 years in federal prison for distributing 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. This prison term will be followed by 4 years of supervised release. Fristoe pleaded guilty to this charge on February 4, 2022.

On June 7, 2021, West Central Drug Task Force officers purchased 55.9 grams of methamphetamine from Fristoe and co-defendant, Saige Marten, through a confidential informant in Clark County, Wisconsin.

At the time of this offense, Fristoe was on state probation for forgery and had been released on criminal bond for cases involving methamphetamine trafficking and bail jumping. Fristoe subsequently was sentenced in her state cases on August 23, 2021 to a total of 3 years and 6 months in state prison followed by 3 years and 6 months of extended supervision. Judge Conley ordered this federal sentence to run concurrently with the remainder of the state prison sentence.

At sentencing, Judge Conley highlighted the fact that Fristoe was on state supervision at the time she committed this offense.

Co-defendant Saige Marten pleaded guilty to distributing 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and was sentenced to 8 years in federal prison by Judge Conley

on March 23, 2022.

The charge against Fristoe was the result of an investigation conducted by the West Central Drug Task Force; Eau Claire Police Department; Chippewa, Clark, and Rusk County Sheriffs' Offices, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The Clark County District Attorney's Office also provided assistance in the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven P. Anderson prosecuted this case.