

# U.S. Attorney Elgersma: Repeat drug trafficker sentenced to over 4 years for cocaine distribution and money laundering

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MADISON, WIS. – Chadwick M. Elgersma, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Travis L. Ingram, 38, Mosinee, Wisconsin, was sentenced on March 12, 2026, by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley to 52 months in federal prison for distributing cocaine, maintaining a drug trafficking premises, and money laundering. Ingram pleaded guilty to these charges on December 16, 2025.

During a two-year investigation, police informants purchased cocaine from Ingram on multiple occasions. At the end of the investigation, police seized over a pound of cocaine, a scale, and other evidence of drug dealing from Ingrams's home pursuant to a search warrant. Further investigation revealed that Ingram laundered over \$ 1 million in illegal drug proceeds during a six-year period through bank accounts and casinos.

At the sentencing, Judge Conley noted that Ingram dealt a substantial amount of cocaine in the Marathon County area. Judge Conley further emphasized that Ingram escalated his drug trafficking activities despite two prior convictions for the same crime. Judge Conley found it disturbing that Ingram conducted drug trafficking in front of minors.

The charges against Ingram were the result of an investigation conducted by the FBI's Central Wisconsin Narcotics Task Force comprised of agents from the FBI, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal

Investigation, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Marathon County Sheriff's Office, Portage County Sheriff's Office, Mountain Bay Police Department, Wausau Police Department and Wisconsin National Guard Counter Drug Program. The Marathon County District Attorney's Office also assisted with the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven P. Anderson prosecuted this case.

Federal prosecutions by the U.S. Department of Justice involving drugs and guns are part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Operation Take Back America. Operation Take Back America is a nationwide initiative that marshals the full resources of the U.S. Department of Justice to repel the invasion of illegal immigration, achieve the total elimination of cartels and transnational criminal organizations, and protect our communities from the perpetrators of violent crime. Operation Take Back America streamlines efforts and resources from the Department's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETFs) and Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN).