



# ELLIOT KOLKOVICH

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### **PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES 11 TO 16.5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MAJOR DRUG OFFENDER**

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Edward Hanserd, 63, of San Francisco, California, was sentenced to 11 to 16.5 years in prison for drug trafficking charges. Last month, Hanserd was found guilty of one count of Possession of Cocaine, a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony, with a Major Drug Offender Specification.

**“I want to thank these observant Ohio State Highway Patrol Officers for noticing signs of drug trafficking in Hanserd’s suspicious behavior. With their diligence, they were able to get a trafficker of deadly drugs off our streets,”** said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In February 2023, Ohio State Highway Patrol Officers on I-80 observed a vehicle tailgating a semi-truck extremely close behind. The officers followed the vehicles and observed the car make no effort to pass the semi and maneuver into a safer lane and position. Initiating a traffic stop, officers observed a Michigan license plate, despite Hanserd having a California driver’s license. Hanserd explained he had recently moved and was visiting friends in Ohio, despite possessing no clothing or luggage inside the vehicle. At this time, officers asked Hanserd to exit the vehicle and initiated a canine search, which recovered 508 grams of cocaine and two pounds of marijuana. Under Ohio law, the threshold to be classified as a Major Drug Offender for cocaine is 100 grams.

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