



# ELLIOT KOLKOVICH

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### **PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES AT LEAST 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MAJOR DRUG OFFENDER**

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Michael Powell, 51, of Akron, was sentenced to 11 to 16.5 years in prison on Monday for drug trafficking charges stemming from a 2024 incident. Powell has also been designated a Major Drug Offender for trafficking 368 grams of cocaine.

In May, Powell pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- One count of Trafficking in Cocaine with a Major Drug Offender Specification – a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony;
- One count of Trafficking in Cocaine with a Major Drug Offender Specification – a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony;
- Two counts of Possession of Cocaine both with Major Drug Offender Specifications – a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony.

**“I want to thank the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Summit County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team for their work on this case in helping bring Michael Powell to justice. There is no tolerance in Summit County for those who bring dangerous drugs into our community,”** said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In July 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) officers observed Michael Powell distribute 244.5 grams of cocaine during an operation later confirmed through a traffic stop in which the drugs were recovered. Officers had been monitoring Powell’s activities based on suspicions that he was involved in drug trafficking. Later that day, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), in collaboration with the Summit County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team and BCI, executed a search warrant at Powell’s residence on Frederick Boulevard. During the search, officers recovered an additional 368 grams of cocaine. Under Ohio law, the threshold to be classified as a Major Drug Offender for cocaine is 100 grams.

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