

AG Schimel: Major bust leads to 19 arrests for money laundering, bankruptcy fraud, and distributing heroin and fentanyl

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MILWAUKEE, Wis. – Today, the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) partnered with local and federal law enforcement and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin to charge and arrest 19 individuals for various drug, money laundering, and bankruptcy fraud offenses, including the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine.

Attorney General Brad Schimel congratulated DCI agents and partner agencies on the success of the investigation.

“Once again DOJ’s DCI agents worked together with federal, state, and local law enforcement to take down a major crime organization that has been flooding southeastern Wisconsin with fentanyl, heroin, and guns,” said Attorney General Schimel. “Today’s bust will put a major dent in this criminal organization’s ability to prey on and profit off of people’s addiction. This is a significant win in the fight against the opioid epidemic and efforts to reduce gun violence.”

In the investigation, law enforcement also executed 17 federal search warrants in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa. Law enforcement also confiscated approximately 1.5 kilos of cocaine, .5 kilos of heroin, 21 guns, and an undetermined amount of cash.