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## **MADIGAN: CONVICTED DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS IN IDOC**

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that a Mount Morris, Ill. drug dealer prosecuted by her office has received a seven-year prison sentence for possession of cocaine with intent to deliver. The court today sentenced Roque Ayala, 20, to serve seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC).

Madigan's Statewide Grand Jury Bureau prosecuted Ayala based on a referral from the Blackhawk Area Task Force, a multi-agency police unit that investigates drug crimes, and in coordination with the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol and U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

"This prosecution was the result of successful teamwork between my office, the Blackhawk Area Task Force and federal law enforcement agencies," Madigan said. "We are committed to continuing these coordinated efforts to fight drug dealing in Illinois."

In October, Ogle County Judge Stephen Pemberton convicted Ayala of the Class X felony. Ayala was arrested and charged after authorities at Chicago's O'Hare Airport intercepted two ounces of cocaine that had been flown in from Mexico.

Bureau Chief John Kezdy and Assistant Attorney General Martin van Kampen handled the case for Madigan's Statewide Grand Jury Bureau.

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