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STRONGSVILLE BAR CITED FOR ILLEGAL GAMBLING

(Columbus) – An anonymous complaint concerning illegal gambling operations lead undercover agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit to execute a search warrant Thursday at a Strongsville bar.

Agents executed the search warrant at Mad Cactus, Inc., 9175 Pearl Rd., in Strongsville. During the search, agents seized \$2,011, three electronic gambling devices and gambling-related records and paperwork.

Four administrative citations were filed against the liquor permit establishment for violations including:

- Acquiring, possessing, controlling or operating a gambling device;
- Electronic video gambling device game;
- Operating a game of chance for profit or scheme of chance; and
- Operating a gambling house.

“The payment of cash prizes in liquor establishments will not be tolerated,” said Cleveland Agent-in-Charge John Campbell. “We have been vigilant and will continue to combat illegal gambling in permit establishments.”

Liquor permit establishments are prohibited by Ohio law to allow illegal gambling and give away cash and other monetary items as prizes.

Criminal charges are pending. Administrative charges also are filed against the liquor permit and will be forwarded to the Liquor Control Commission. Possible administrative penalties could include fines, suspension or revocation of the liquor permit.

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The Ohio Investigative Unit is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Agents are undercover sworn peace officers who enforce the state's liquor and tobacco laws, as well as food stamp fraud. Individuals who believe food stamp fraud is being committed are encouraged to contact OIU toll-free at 1-877-4MINORS. All complaints will remain anonymous.