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Investigative Unit Cites Two Bars for Serving Underage Drinkers Who Were Involved in Serious Crashes

(Columbus) – The Ohio Investigative Unit has cited an Akron bar for serving alcohol to an underage female who was involved in a serious crash that occurred in May.

On Thursday, Mama's Inc., also known as The Dorm, located at 1232 Weathervane Lane in Akron, was charged administratively for the following:

- Two charges of sale of intoxicating liquor to a person under 21;
- Two charges of furnishing intoxicating liquor to a person under 21;
- One charge of sale of alcohol to an intoxicated person; and
- One charge of furnishing alcohol to an intoxicated person.

Criminal charges have been presented to the Akron City Prosecutor's Office for consideration.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) referred the case to the Investigative Unit after troopers responded to a serious crash along Bath Hills Boulevard and later determined the underage female driver had a blood alcohol (BAC) level of .235. In the state of Ohio the legal limit for an underage driver is a (BAC) of 0.02.

"Bartenders and servers have a responsibility to ensure their patrons are safe," Akron District Office Agent-in-Charge John Campbell said. "If they are not 21, they don't get served. If they are intoxicated, they don't get served."

In an unrelated case, the Investigative Unit filed four administrative charges last weekend against George's Place, 130 N. Bridge Street in Perrysville, after bar patrons were involved in a fatal crash.

George's was cited with one charge each of:

- Sale of beer to a person under 21;
- Sale of intoxicating liquor to a person under 21;
- Furnishing beer to a person under 21; and
- Furnishing intoxicating liquor to a person under 21.

Four young men left George's Place on April 3, flipping their car and ejecting two passengers. One of the ejected passengers was killed by an oncoming car. The crash happened on Ashland County Road 775.

Criminal charges have been presented to the Ashland City Prosecutor's Office for their consideration. Administrative charges will be presented to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission for their consideration. Penalties could include a fine and/or suspension, or revocation of their liquor permits.

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The Ohio Investigative Unit is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. All agents are plain-clothed fully sworn peace officers. OIU is the only state law enforcement agency specifically tasked with investigating food stamp fraud crimes. Agents also investigate alcohol and tobacco violations.

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