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#### **Miamitown Business Owner Charged With Illegal Sale of Alcohol**

**(Columbus)** – Agents from the Ohio Investigative Unit and officers from the Colerain Police Department executed a search warrant on Dec. 7 for illegal sales at a former liquor permit establishment in Miamitown.

The owner of the Best Damn Bar, 7954 Harrison Ave., continued to sell alcohol and operate as a bar, however the liquor permit was cancelled in September. Ronald C. Wells, Sr., 76, of Miamitown, was charged with illegal sales and keeper of the place.

“These locations are often the source of problems including drug use and other criminal activity,” said Ohio Investigative Unit Agent-in-Charge Brent Devery. “While a majority of the business owners do follow the appropriate steps in obtaining and keeping their liquor permits, there are those businesses that unfortunately choose to operate unfairly.”

During the search warrant, officials seized \$94, as well as 1,167 cans and bottles of beer, 83 bottles of intoxicating and spirituous liquors, and 38 bottles of wine. Also, Steven, J. Cameron II, 27, of Cleves, was charged with drug abuse.

“This is another example of how partnerships within law enforcement can work in favor our residents and business owners,” said Colerain Police Department Chief Daniel Meloy.

If convicted, Wells could face up to six months in jail and/or fines up to \$1,000.

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Contact Colerain Police Department at 513-385-7504

*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 charged with enforcing the state's liquor laws and is the only state law enforcement agency specifically tasked with investigating food stamp fraud crimes. Agents also investigate tobacco violations.*

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