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Ohio Investigative Unit and Patrol's Special Response Team raid Steubenville after-hours club

STEUBENVILLE- As a result of a partnership between the Steubenville Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit with the assistance of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Special Response Team served a search warrant on Club 106, located at 601 South St. in Steubenville early this morning.

Agents obtained a search warrant based on information indicating the club was operating as a liquor establishment without a permit and also that there was other illegal activity occurring within the club.

The search warrant resulted in the recovery of six handguns, two of which were found to be stolen; miscellaneous narcotics including cocaine, crack, methamphetamine, prescription pills and marijuana; and resulted in the arrest of two people. It was also found that the club was illegally serving alcohol without a permit.

The owner of the club, Derek Smith, 47, of Steubenville was charged by agents with Illegal sale of alcohol, a first-degree misdemeanor and keeper of place, an unclassified misdemeanor. A club employee, Nona Steigerwald, 36, of Mingo Junction was charged with Illegal sale of alcohol, a first-degree misdemeanor.

The case remains under investigation and additional charges could be filed.

To report illegal sales of alcohol or to report criminal violations at a liquor permit establishment, contact the Ohio Investigative Unit at #677.

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The Ohio Investigative Unit 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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