



MEDIA RELEASE

Investigative Unit

www.oiu.ohio.gov



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 22, 2014

OIU Contact: Agent-in-Charge – Erik Lockhart
(740) 797-2880 or (614) 752-2792

Agents Cite South Point Bar, Owner with Gambling Violations

(Columbus) – On Saturday, January 18, agents with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit conducted a search warrant for gambling at a South Point bar, after receiving complaints from the public.

Agents charged Tammy Douglas, 47 of South Point, with operating a gambling house and gambling. Administrative charges were issued to the Wild Horse Tavern, 1647 County Road 1 in South Point, with one count of recklessly permitting public gaming and two counts each of acquire, possess, control gambling device; electronic video gambling device; game of chance for profit or scheme of chance; and operating a gambling house.

During the search warrant, agents seized two slot machines, records and \$1,100.

The case will be heard in the Lawrence County Municipal Court. Once all criminal proceedings are complete, the administrative case will be presented to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission for their consideration. Possible administrative penalties include fine, suspension or revocation of the liquor permit.

###

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. Follow OIU on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohio-Investigative-Unit/165782203506269> and on Twitter by logging onto http://twitter.com/Ohio_OIU.