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19 checked, six sold in multi-agency alcohol compliance checks

OIU partners with Anna, Botkins, Ft. Loramie, Jackson Center and Sidney police departments

(Columbus) – Agents with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit and officers from Anna, Botkins, Ft. Loramie, Jackson Center and Sidney police departments conducted multi-agency compliance checks on liquor permit establishments in Shelby County on Saturday, February 8. Of the 19 locations that were checked, six sold beer to an underage confidential informant.

Charges have been filed on Debra L. Storer, 53, of Wapakoneta; Kayla E. Sherman, 24, of Botkins; Walter J. Miller, III, 22, of Jackson Center; and Sidney residents Roger D. Case, 46, Lindsey M. McGill-Coffield, 30, and Shaileshkumar M. Patel, 45, for sale and/or furnishing beer to a person under 21.

OIU agents also issued administrative citations for both sale and furnishing beer to person under 21 to Botkins establishments VST Inc., also known as the Western Ohio Inn, 505 East State Street and Wal Inc., also known as the Inn Between, 16488 County Road 25A; as well as Sidney businesses Court Street Express LLC., also known as Clark's Gas Station & Eatery, 125 West Court Street; D & S Carryout Inc., also known as the City Carry Out, 132 North Ohio Ave.; and R & R Takhar Operations Inc., also known as Sidney Mart, 2050 Fair Road; and the Village Variety Store Operations, LLC., also known as Village Pantry 2717, 404 West Pike Street in Jackson Center.

Agents issued citations against the respective liquor permits and the local agencies issued summons in lieu of arrest to the clerks for sale of alcohol to a person under 21 years of age. The various agencies were very appreciative of the cooperative effort.

The individuals charged will appear in the Shelby County Municipal Court. Administrative charges against the liquor permit will be presented to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission for their consideration. Possible administrative penalties from the commission could include fines, suspension or revocation of the liquor permit.

OIU conducts compliance checks to determine if liquor permit holders are compliant in regards to Ohio's liquor laws. The agents regularly work compliance checks jointly with local law enforcement.

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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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