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OIU St. Patrick's Day enforcement

(Columbus) – Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit worked popular St. Patrick's Day events in Ohio on Monday.

Agents in Cleveland assisted the Cleveland Police Department with the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Agents charged 18 people with various charges including: underage possession or consumption, furnishing alcohol to a minor, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and falsification. Agents also administratively cited Chinato Limited, 2079 East 4th Street in Cleveland with permitting removal of beer or intoxicating liquor.

Cincinnati agents assisted the University of Dayton and Dayton police departments with the annual St. Patrick's Day Party on the University of Dayton campus. Agents charged seven people for underage possession of alcohol and assisted with the arrests of several for disorderly conduct and public intoxication. Agents also charged four people at liquor permit establishments off campus - two people for underage possession and misrepresentation; one person for misrepresentation, underage possession and furnishing beer to a person under 21; and one person for underage possession of alcohol. During the day, agents also assisted with crowd control.

Toledo agents assisted the Bowling Green Police Department conducting alcohol compliance checks in the area. Three locations, Beckett's Bar, North Main Beverage Center and the Bowling Green Drive Thru, served alcohol to a minor. The liquor permits were cited for both sale and furnishing alcohol to a person under 21.

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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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