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Toledo liquor store clerk convicted, sentenced to jail for selling alcohol to Ottawa Hills teen

(Columbus) – Earlier today, Nicholas Thompson, 38, of Toledo, was convicted by a Lucas County Court of Common Pleas Jury of sale of alcohol to a person under 21 and was sentenced to six months in jail at the Correction Center of Northwest Ohio.

The conviction comes more than a year after Ottawa Hills teenager Brian Hoeflinger was killed in an alcohol-related crash. Agents with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit were able to determine that Thompson, a store clerk at a Toledo liquor store, sold Hoeflinger's friends alcohol, even though they were not 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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