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OIU files felony charges in synthetic cannabinoids case

Ohio Investigative Unit agents have filed 40 felony and 18 misdemeanors charges with the Toledo Municipal Court against two businessmen and a corporation in connection with trafficking of synthetic cannabinoids.

Ahmad Jadallah, 55, of Dearborn, Mich., has been charged with three counts of trafficking in drugs, four counts of varying degrees of aggravated possession of drugs, two counts of sale of drug paraphernalia, one count of possession of drug paraphernalia and 10 counts of varying degrees of personal liability for organizational conduct.

Nabil Shannak, 65, of Perrysburg, has been charged with two counts of varying degrees of each of trafficking drugs, aggravated possession of drugs and sale of drug paraphernalia.

Omar of Ohio, Inc., has been charged with five counts of trafficking in drugs, six counts of varying degrees of aggravated possession of drugs, four counts of sale of drug paraphernalia, one count of possession of drug paraphernalia and 16 counts of varying degrees of criminal liability of organizations.

Agents started investigating Omar of Ohio, Inc., also known as Airport Stop, 3326 Airport Highway, late last summer after receiving complaints of possible drug violations taking place at the liquor permit premise. A search warrant was conducted in December 2013. Agents seized an estimated \$139,000 in synthetic drugs and \$61,500 in money during the search warrant.

At the time of the search warrant, agents issued the liquor permit administrative citations for five counts each of drug possession and drug paraphernalia possession; four counts of drug sales; and three counts of drug paraphernalia sales. Administrative charges will be presented to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission for their consideration. The commission has the authority to issue penalties against the liquor permit including possible fines, suspensions or revocation.

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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. 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.