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OIU, Hamilton Police conduct search warrants for illegal gambling at two Hamilton bars

CINCINNATI - Agents with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit and Hamilton Police Department detectives conducted two search warrants Wednesday after investigating complaints of illegal gambling at two Hamilton bars.

The search warrants were conducted at Jaiden Entertainment LLC., also known as Alibi's, 1002 Harmon Ave., and Diacon Inc., also known as P Dubs Café, 1103 Dayton Street.

During the search warrant agents and detectives seized one electronic gambling device at each location, as well as approximately \$880 in U.S. currency from P Dubs and \$700 in U.S. currency from Alibis.

Criminal charges are pending and will be presented to the Hamilton Municipal Prosecutor's Office. Agents administratively cited both liquor permits for acquiring, possessing, controlling or operating a gambling device; electronic gambling device; operating a gambling house; and recklessly permitting public gaming. Alibi's was also administratively cited for drug possession.

Once all criminal proceedings are completed, administrative charges will be presented to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission. The commission has the authority to issue penalties against the liquor permit – such as fines, suspension or revocation of the liquor permit.

To report an establishment conducting illegal gambling, contact Investigative Unit by calling the #677 on your cell phone and your complaint will be investigated. For alcohol, drug or gambling related complaints in the in the city of Hamilton, contact Hamilton Vice at (513) 868-5811 extension 2001.

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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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