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Agents make several arrests over the weekend during weekend concerts

Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit worked several concert venues over this past weekend. Most of the arrests were for underage alcohol violations.

On Friday at Riverbend Music Center outside Cincinnati, agents charged 17 people with underage alcohol violations. Four of those people were 16-years-old.

In Stark County during the Country Fest concert at Clay's Park, agents charged 34 people with underage alcohol charges. One person was also charged with falsification, while another was also charged with resisting arrest.

Agents in Licking County charged 105 people during the two-day Country Jam concert at Legend Valley. Most of the charges were for underage alcohol violations, however other charges include falsification, possession of marijuana, sale of alcohol to a minor and obstructing official business. The liquor permit for the Hebron Heat Baseball Association was administratively charged with two counts each of sale and also furnishing beer to a person under 21.

Anyone convicted of providing or purchasing alcohol to a person under 21 years of age may face a maximum sentence of six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

If you're caught with a fake ID or if you have furnished your ID to someone to obtain alcohol, penalties may include six months in jail and/or \$1,000 fine. Also, the person furnishing their ID could lose their driver license for a year.

Violations against the liquor permit will be presented to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission for their consideration.

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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/OIU_OIU.