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### Agents charge Moraine market employees with illegal sales

**(Cincinnati)** Acting on an anonymous complaint of illegal liquor sales, agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit and officers with Moraine Police Department conducted a search warrant last week at Variedades Lantinas, 2743 West Alex-Bell Road, in Moraine.

During the search warrant, agents found that the workers were selling alcohol without a liquor license from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

Martha Uzhca Reino, 40, West Carrollton and Mario Encalada Vasquez, 39, Moraine, were each charged with keeper of the place and illegal sale of intoxicating liquor. Both will appear in Kettering Municipal Court next month.

Agents seized beer, miscellaneous records, \$144 in cash and more than 60 bottles of Paute Zhumir - a sugar cane liquor from Ecuador not approved for sale in Ohio.

In the state of Ohio, you must have a valid liquor permit, or be a contract liquor agency to sell alcohol. Information is available online at <http://www.com.ohio.gov/liqr/default.aspx> explaining how to get a liquor license or become a contract liquor agency in the state of Ohio.

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