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#### **Agents charge Forest Park clerk, carry out with underage sales**

*Trace-back investigation revealed location sold alcohol to minor before fatal crash*

**(Cincinnati)** Agents with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit criminally charged a carry out clerk and administratively cited a Hamilton County liquor permit for selling beer to a 20-year-old driver, who was later killed in a single car crash. The crash occurred in Butler County on August 16.

Agents charged Salim Abednaser Al Halabieh, 24, of Cincinnati, with sale and/or furnishing beer to a person under 21. Al Halabieh will be scheduled to appear in Hamilton County Municipal Court.

OMNI Enterprises, Inc., 1201 Omni Plex Drive, in Forest Park, was cited after agents determined the 20-year-old driver was able to purchase beer from the location. Administrative violations will be presented to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission once all criminal proceedings are completed. The commission has the authority to issue penalties such as fines, suspensions or revocation of the liquor permit.

By stopping senseless tragedies associated with selling alcohol to underage individuals, we are committing to making a safer Ohio. If you have information about a bar; store or carryout selling beer and/or liquor to persons under the age of 21, please notify the Ohio Investigative Unit by calling #677 on your cell phone and your complaint will be investigated.

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