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106 charged during weekend celebration; no liquor permits cited

(Athens) Agents with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit charged 106 people during the annual Halloween celebration in Athens.

Agents were working in Athens Friday and Saturday evening. Most of the charges were related to underage alcohol violations. Other charges included furnishing alcohol to underage, fake identification, resisting arrest, obstructing official business, disorderly conduct, open container, drug paraphernalia and drug abuse.

Agents also conducted compliance checks on 15 Athens liquor permit premises, including carryouts and bars. None of the 15 locations sold alcohol to the confidential informant.

"We are pleased that none of the 15 liquor permit premises we checked sold alcohol to the underage confidential informant," said OIU Enforcement Commander Eric Wolf. "We hope that the liquor permits continue to abide by Ohio's liquor laws and continue to refrain from selling to underage customers."

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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.