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AGENTS ARREST 51 DURING ATHENS STREET FESTIVAL

Undercover agents will also be enforcing upcoming street festivals

COLUMBUS – On Saturday, agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) arrested 51 individuals during Palmer Fest, an Athens street festival. These arrests are in addition to arrests by the City of Athens Police.

A majority of the weekend arrests were related to underage drinking, however, some individuals were arrested or charged with other offenses including disorderly conduct, providing fictitious information and possession of marijuana.

Agents will also be assisting the Athens Police Department during additional street festivals scheduled this weekend.

“We understand that young adults like to have fun, however, we ask that the fun is responsible and follow the drinking laws of the state of Ohio,” said OIU Executive Director Glenn Taylor. “We have a great working relationship with the local law enforcement authorities in Athens and will continue to assist them when needed.”

Agents will be enforcing the state’s liquor laws, including underage consumption and open container violations. While some individuals may be taken to jail, a majority of those arrested by undercover agents are issued a summons in lieu of arrest.

For a complete listing of individuals arrested during Palmer Fest, log onto http://www.investigativeunit.ohio.gov/2010_reports/05030510.pdf.

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The Ohio Investigative Unit is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Agents are undercover sworn peace officers who enforce the state’s liquor and tobacco laws, as well as food stamp fraud.