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AGENTS ISSUE 41 CITATIONS TO MARION COUNTY BAR FOR GAMBLING

(Columbus) – Undercover agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) executed a search warrant Friday at a Marion liquor permit establishment after agents received an illegal gambling complaint.

After an extensive investigation at D. Jarew, Inc., 606 Delaware Ave., in Marion, agents issued 41 administrative violations against the liquor permit for the following:

- Six counts each of possessing a gambling device and advertising instant bingo without a license;
- Five counts each of conducting instant bingo without a license or contract, game of chance for profit or scheme of chance, operating a gambling house, recklessly permitting public gambling, and electronic video gambling device;
- Two counts of unsanitary conditions; and
- One count each of drug paraphernalia possession and permitting the removal beer or intoxicating liquor sold for on premise consumption.

“Part of enforcing the liquor laws in the state of Ohio includes enforcing illegal gambling that takes place in permit establishments,” said Columbus Agent-in-Charge Gregory Croft. “We will continue to enforce liquor permit establishments who violate this section of the Ohio Revised and Administrative codes.”

Administrative charges are filed against the liquor permit and will be forwarded to the Liquor Control Commission. Possible administrative penalties could include fines, suspension or revocation of the liquor permit. Additional criminal charges could be presented to the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office for its consideration.

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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. Individuals who believe food stamp fraud is being committed are encouraged to contact OIU toll-free at 1-877-4MINORS. All complaints will remain anonymous.