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TWO PARMA HEIGHTS BARS INVESTIGATED FOR ILLEGAL GAMBLING

Search warrants conducted at two bars, two residences and a business

(Columbus) – After a long-term joint investigation, the Ohio Investigative Unit and the Parma Heights Police Department executed search warrants for illegal gambling and telecommunications fraud at two Parma Heights bars, as well as two residences and a business in the Cleveland area. The investigations were prompted by a citizen complaint.

Searches were conducted Wednesday at DAG Tavern, also known as Good Time Charlie's, 6249 Pearl Road, and Buresti Enterprises, also known as Mr. B's, 6887 – 6891 West 130th Street. Other searches were conducted at residences located at 4195 Regal Avenue in Brunswick and 6406 Pelham Drive in Parma. Law enforcement also searched Union Vending, 13730 Enterprise Parkway in Cleveland.

"When we receive citizen complaints on establishments such as these, we will investigate," said Cleveland Agent-in-Charge Greg Croft. "The cooperation between all of the agencies has enhanced our abilities to conduct this investigation."

Multiple administrative charges against the liquor permits will also be filed for violations including:

- Acquire, possess, control or operate a gambling device;
- Electronic video gambling device;
- Gambling as a substantial source of income/livelihood;
- Game of chance for profit or scheme of chance; and
- Operating a gambling house.

The case will be presented to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office for possible criminal charges. The Ohio Liquor Control Commission will hear the administrative case, once all criminal proceedings have been completed. The commission can impose a penalty such as fines, suspension or revocation of a liquor permit.

"The Parma Heights Police Department was fortunate to have the opportunity to partner with the Ohio Department of Public Safety to investigate these complaints," said Parma Heights Police Chief Daniel Teel. "I would like to extend my appreciation to not only the Ohio Investigative Agents but to the other local, state and federal personnel for their support. This is an excellent example of law enforcement working together toward a common goal."

Agencies assisting with the search warrants include Brunswick, Cleveland and Parma police departments, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the United States Secret Service.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

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