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Twenty-seven liquor permits checked, five sold alcohol *OIU agents, West Chester Police Officers conduct compliance checks*

(Cincinnati) – Agents with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit and officers from the West Chester Police Department conducted compliance checks April 2 at various liquor permits in West Chester. Of the 27 liquor permits checked, five locations sold alcohol to an underage confidential informant.

Agents issued administrative citations against the following liquor permits for both sale of beer and furnishing beer to a person under 21: Chinar Oil, LLC, 7809 Cincinnati-Dayton Road; A & A Mavi Petroleum, Inc., also known as Tylersville Sunoco, 7424 Tylersville Road; Sri Sai Ram, Inc., also known as Ameristop Food Mart, 8260 Princeton-Glendale Road; Macs Convenience Stores, LLC., also known as Circle K, 5677 West Chester Road; and Dolgen Midwest, LLC., also known as Dollar General Store, 9108 Cox Road.

West Chester residents Prabhakar Mankala, 61; Xavier Jones, 21; Sharma Upinder, 38 and Parminder Singh, 27, as well as Greg Williams, 44 of Maineville, were charged with sale and/or furnishing beer to a person under 21.

The case will be forwarded to the Butler County Area 3 Court. Once all criminal proceedings are complete, the administrative case will be presented to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission for their consideration. Possible administrative penalties include fines, suspension or revocation of the liquor permit.

OIU conducts compliance checks to determine if liquor permit holders are compliant in regards to Ohio's liquor laws. The agents regularly work compliance checks jointly with county sheriff offices and local law enforcement.

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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/OIU>.