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OIU agents file charges at an East Toledo after-hours club

(Toledo) – Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit charged three people in connection with an illegal sales operation in Toledo.

A search warrant was conducted Sunday morning at 440 Front Street in Toledo. During the search warrant Vanessa Mendoza, 27, of Northwood, was charged with two counts of keeper of place and one count of illegal sale of beer. Marcos Jaso, 41, of Toledo, was charged with one count each of keeper of place and illegal sale of beer.

Also, Toledo resident Margil Reyna, 30, was charged with knowingly obtaining, possessing or use of a controlled substance – marijuana.

During the search warrant, agents seized nine bottles of liquor, 237 cans of beer, a loaded 9 mm handgun, marijuana, cocaine and \$143 in U.S. currency.

In Ohio, it is illegal to sell alcohol without the proper permits from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

Charges will be filled through the Toledo Municipal Court.

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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_OIU.