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### **15 liquor permits checked, only one sold alcohol**

*OIU agents, Clearcreek Township, Franklin and Springboro police departments  
conduct compliance checks*

**(Cincinnati)** – Agents with the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit, as well as officers from the Clearcreek Township, Franklin and Springboro police departments conducted compliance checks on 15 Warren County liquor permits February 27. Of the 15, one location sold alcohol to an underage confidential informant.

Agents have issued an administrative citation against the OM Shri Krishna, Inc., also known as the Waynesville Food Mart, 7550 North State Route 48, in Waynesville, with one count each of sale of beer to a person under 21 and also furnishing beer to a person under 21. Also, Akash Patel, 22, of Centerville, has been charged with sale and/or furnishing beer to a person under 21.

The case has been forwarded to the Warren County 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/Ohio\\_OIU](http://twitter.com/Ohio_OIU).*