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OIU Agents Cite Horseshoe Casino for Overserving Patron Involved in Fatal Crash

(Cincinnati) – On May 11, agents with the Ohio State Highway Patrol’s Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) issued administrative charges to a Cincinnati liquor permit premise for overserving Cory Lippmeier as a result of a trace-back investigation.

OIU assisted the Cincinnati Police Department with the investigation after the Lippmeier crashed into another vehicle on March 20, 2016 along Interstate 275, killing the driver of that vehicle.

Through the investigation, agents were able to determine Lippmeier consumed an excessive amount of alcohol at Rock Casino Caesars Cincinnati, LLC., also known as the Horseshoe Casino, 1000 Broadway Street in Cincinnati. The liquor permit was administratively cited with both furnishing beer or intoxicating liquor to an intoxicated person and also sale of beer or intoxicating liquor to an intoxicated person.

The administrative charges will be presented to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission. Possible penalties include fines, as well as suspension or revocation of the liquor permit.

Agents routinely conduct trace-back investigations after crashes. A trace-back investigation traces the source of alcohol, whether it is sold or provided to an underage or an already intoxicated individual, following a serious injury or fatal crash, or an alcohol-related incident.

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The Ohio State Highway Patrol’s 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.