

# Ohio Investigative Unit



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**OIU files charges against 13 people at a Toledo adult entertainment club**

**(Columbus)** – Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit, along with the Toledo Police Department charged 13 people at a Toledo adult entertainment club for various illegal activity, including illegal drug trafficking and prostitution.

A search warrant was conducted Saturday, June 11 at Déjà vu, 135 S. Byrne Street in Toledo after a six month investigation into complaints of drug trafficking, prostitution and illegally operating a sexually oriented business. Additional charges are pending in the investigation.

Among those charged are club managers Dennis J. Eckert, 36 and Stephen B. Elsworth, 30, both of Toledo. Both individuals were charged with 15 counts each of illegal operation of a sexually oriented business.

Agents also issued administrative citations to the liquor permit for violations including drug sales, drug possession, engaging in sexual activity, public indecency and nudity.

Once all criminal proceedings have been completed, agents will present the administrative charges to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission for their consideration. The commission has the authority to issue fines, suspensions or revocations of liquor permits in violations of Ohio's Liquor Laws.

If you know of a location permitting drug abuse, prostitution or one that is operating an illegal sexually oriented business, contact OIU at #677.

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