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Agents Charge Fremont Establishment with Illegal Sales

(TOLEDO) – Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit filed charges against a Fremont American Legion post for illegal sales of alcohol.

Agents executed a search warrant on January 20 at American Legion Post 0121 Thurston Zwir, 2000 Buckland Avenue. The investigation was the result of a complaint filed stating that the American Legion Post continued to sell liquor after the organization's liquor license was cancelled.

Agents issued summonses to the American Legion, in care of the Post Commander, with three counts each of illegal sales of alcohol and keeper of a place. During the search warrant, agents seized 553 bottles or cans of beer, 183 bottles of intoxicating liquor, 78 bottles of spirituous liquor and \$85 in U.S. currency.

In the state of Ohio, in order to sell beer, intoxicating or spirituous liquor, the business must have a valid liquor permit issued through the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. Businesses operating without a liquor licenses are subject to criminal charges for violating Ohio's Liquor Control Act.

The American Legion is scheduled to appear in Fremont Municipal Court on February 1.

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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.