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Canton Man Found Guilty for Selling Beer to Minor in Crash

(CANTON) – A Robertsville business man was found guilty of serving alcohol to minors, after agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit conducted a trace-back investigation.

The trace-back investigation was conducted at the request of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, following a Stark County crash involving a 19-year-old who was in possession of alcohol. Agents traced the underage sale of alcohol back to the permit premise known as the Lucky Corner Inc., 11327 Lincoln Street. When the agents arrived to conduct their investigation, they observed Ali sell alcohol to another underage person completely unrelated to the trace back investigation. Agents charged Ali with two counts of selling and furnishing alcohol to a Person Under 21.

On January 18, an Alliance Municipal Court judge convicted Muhammad S. Ali, 66, of Canton, for both counts of selling alcohol to an underage person.

In addition to the criminal charges Agents also administratively cited the liquor permit for selling alcohol to a minor. Administrative cases will be presented to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission at a later date. Possible administrative penalties include fines, suspensions or revocation of the liquor permit.

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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.