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Warren bar, two men charged with gambling offenses

(CANTON) – On February 11, agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit conducted a search warrant at a Warren bar after receiving a complaint of illegal gambling.

Agents conducted the search warrant at Flam Corp., also known as Kracker Jacks, 3315 Youngstown Road SE. Administrative charges were issued against the liquor permit for four counts each of acquire, possess, control or operate a gambling device; electronic video gambling device; game of chance for profit or scheme of chance; operating a gambling house; and recklessly permitting public gaming. In addition giving away alcohol as a prize and illegal raffle violations were issued.

During the search warrant agents issued summonses against Don Flaminio, 60, of Warren, with five counts each of gambling, operating a Gambling House and possession of criminal tools. Daniel Goddard, 42, of Warren, also received summonses for two counts of gambling.

Flaminio and Goddard will appear in the Warren Municipal Court on February 22. Administrative charges 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.