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OIU executes gambling search warrant in Upper Sandusky

(Toledo) – Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit conducted a search warrant on March 23 at an Upper Sandusky liquor permit premise for gambling related violations.

Criminal charges were filed against Everett Taylor, 71, of Upper Sandusky, for four counts each of gambling and operating a gambling house.

Agents administratively cited the T & T Sports Lounge, LLC., 111 North Sandusky Avenue with five counts each of the following:

- 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
- Recklessly permitting public gaming.

The liquor permit was also administratively cited with one count of insanitary conditions. Agents seized four electronic video gambling devices and \$405 in U.S. currency.

Taylor is scheduled to appear in Upper Sandusky Municipal Court on March 27. If convicted, Taylor could face a maximum of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine for each count. The administrative case 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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