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OIU charge 52 during High Fest

(Athens) – Ohio Investigative Unit agents charged 52 people during an enforcement effort on March 24 and 25 in Athens during the annual High Fest party.

Most of the individuals were charged with underage offenses. Other charges include furnishing alcohol to underage, obstructing official business, resisting arrest, fictitious identification and drug abuse. One individual was arrested for resisting arrest, obstructing official business and open container. Thomas Boyle, 21, of Chagrin Falls, was transported to the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail in Nelsonville. Boyle was arraigned in court earlier this morning.

The remaining individuals charged will appear in Athens Municipal Court on April 5.

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