

Ohio Investigative Unit



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OIU and Youngstown Police conduct compliance checks, five of the nine locations sold beer

(CANTON) – Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit and officers with the Youngstown Police Department conducted alcohol compliance checks on March 3.

Of the nine establishments checked, five locations sold alcohol to underage confidential informants. The informants are sent into the liquor permit locations to determine if the location would sell alcohol to a person under 21.

Agents administratively charged furnishing beer to a person under 21 and sale of beer to a person under 21 to the following liquor permits:

- Five Waters, Inc., also known as Schenley Carry Out, 2725 Mahoning Avenue
- Franco and Lucky, LLC., also known as Belmont Food Mart, 911 Belmont Avenue
- Bombay Dream, LLC., also known as South Avenue Gas Mart, 2325 South Avenue
- Joann Farber, also known as Casaloma Gardens, 2843 Mahoning Avenue
- O'Donald's Downtown, LLC., 122 West Federal Street.

Youngstown Police Department charged the following with sale and/or furnishing beer to a person under 21:

- Ketankumar Patel, 31, of Austintown
- Praveen Gadamsetti, 26, of Youngstown
- Surender Singh, 50, of Poland
- Cynthia Piedra, 52, of Boardman
- Adam Justice, 23, of Youngstown

The five individuals were to appear in Youngstown Municipal Court for arraignment this morning. 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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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.