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SIX PEOPLE CHARGED CRIMINALLY AT TOLEDO ADULT ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS

(Columbus) ï After a long-term investigation, undercover agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit executed a search warrant Friday at a Toledo adult entertainment establishment, resulting in four arrests and criminal charges against the corporation.

Agents received an anonymous complaint on various offenses, including drug use and improper entertainment at 715 Monroe Street, LLC., also known as Marilynôs, at 715 Monroe Street in Toledo.

During the search warrant execution, three individuals were issued arrest summons, including:

- Krystal Honsberger, 26 of Toledo, for illegal sexual activity in a sexually oriented business;
- Tamela Mitchell, 19, of Toledo, for soliciting prostitution and two counts of illegal sexual activity in a sexually oriented business; and
- Johnny Gewarges, 29, Brownstown, Mich., with five counts of illegally operating a sexually oriented business.

Also, Benjamin Gates, 32, of Sylvania, was transported to the Lucas County Jail and charged with one count of drug possession ï fifth degree felony, two counts of drug possession ï third degree misdemeanor, possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana possession. Criminal charges were also filed against the corporation for five counts of illegally operating a sexually-oriented business.

Two patrons, Douglas Collins, 21, and Joshua Davis, 31, both of Toledo, were also charged with possession of marijuana prior to the search warrant execution.

ñThese kinds of activities carry health and safety concerns for the staff and the patrons,ò said Toledo Agent-in-Charge Raymond Rodriguez. ñThese violations of both law and administrative code are not tolerated and we will continue to enforce them.ò

Administrative violations were also filed against the liquor permit. Those violations include engaging in sexual activity, solicitation for anything of value, drug sales, giving away alcoholic beverages, public indecency, nudity, drug possession, drug paraphernalia possession, illegal possession of a food stamp card, refilling and unsanitary conditions.

Administrative charges are filed against the liquor permit and will be forwarded to the Liquor Control Commission. Possible administrative penalties could include fines, suspension or revocation of the liquor permit.

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The Ohio Investigative Unit is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Agents are undercover sworn peace officers who enforce the stateôs liquor and tobacco laws, as well as food stamp fraud. Individuals who believe food stamp fraud is being committed are encouraged to contact OIU toll-free at 1-877-4MINORS. All complaints will remain anonymous.