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OIU Will Be Enforcing Liquor Laws at Country Concert, Jamboree in the Hills and All Good Festival

(Columbus) – If you're one of the several thousand people who will be attending one of the three multi-day concerts in Ohio, the Ohio Investigative Unit wants you to enjoy the show safely by abiding by Ohio's liquor laws.

The three major multi-day concerts are held at the following locations:

- Country Concert at Hickory Hill Lakes in Ft. Loramie, July 11 – 13;
- Jamboree in the Hills in Belmont, July 18 – 21
- All Good Festival at Legend Valley in Thornville, July 18 - 21

OIU will have undercover agents at each venue working with local law enforcement agencies. Agents will be looking for underage drinking, furnishing to underage and public intoxication. Other offenses agents come across during the large concerts are drug related and possession of false identification.

"We want July's concert season to be safe inside the venues, in the camping areas, and on the roads leading to and from the area," said Agent-in-Charge Eric Wolf. "It's important that festival-goers remember to follow the laws so everyone can have an enjoyable time."

In 2012, agents charged 51 people with alcohol related offenses. That was down from 117 people charged in 2011.

As a reminder of the seriousness to make good decisions and not get behind the wheel – Ohio State Highway Patrol will have additional troopers on the road looking for impaired drivers.

During the 2012 Jamboree in the Hills, the Patrol's St. Clairsville Post investigated a crash where one person was killed after a vehicle veered off of Route 40 and went into a pond. The driver was intoxicated. The St. Clairsville Post charged 15 people with OVI during Jamboree in the Hills last year. Also, the Piqua Post charged eight with OVI during Country Concert last year, while the Granville Post arrested three for OVI during the All Good Fest.

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The 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.