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OIU Trace Back Investigation Ends with Wood County Bar Serving Suspension

Establishment paid \$10,000 fine in lieu of an additional 60-day suspension

(Columbus) – A Wood County liquor permit establishment is currently serving a mandatory 30-day liquor permit suspension, and paid a \$10,000 financial forfeiture in lieu of an additional 60-day suspension after agents cited the establishment for sale and furnishing beer to an intoxicated person.

The Silver Dollar Steak House, LLC., 1234 North Main Street in Bowling Green, was cited after an employee was killed after she consumed alcohol inside the establishment and proceeded to drive. The driver's blood alcohol content was .32.

"This is an example of what can happen to liquor permit premises if they continue to sell alcohol to an intoxicated person," said Toledo District Agent-in-Charge Raymond Rodriguez. "Our hope is liquor permit establishments understand it is okay to tell patrons and employees that they have had enough to drink."

The Wood County Sheriff's Office requested OIU to investigate where the individual was served alcohol. Agents cited the permit in May 2012. The suspension order was handed down by the Ohio Liquor Control Commission.

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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.