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Akron man convicted of illegal alcohol sales

(CANTON) – An Akron man was convicted in Akron Municipal Court earlier this week of running an illegal alcohol establishment.

Ronald Schuler, 51, was convicted on January 11 after entering a guilty plea on three counts of keeper of a place. Schuler oversaw operations at the Blue Note Lounge, LLC, 1474 Copley Road in Akron.

Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit received a complaint that the premise was operating illegally by selling alcohol without a liquor license. In December 2016, agents, assisted by the Akron Police Department, executed a search warrant at the premise and seized 1,264 cans and bottles of beer, 1,129 intact and partial bottles of intoxicating liquor, and more than \$700 in cash.

Judge Michael McNulty ordered the forfeiture of all items and money seized during the execution of the search warrant to OIU. As a result, all beer and partial bottles of liquor will be destroyed.

Any intact and untainted bottles of alcohol will be made available to law enforcement academies for standardized field sobriety training. The alcohol is provided at no cost to the training academy.

If you know of a location selling alcohol illegally, contact OIU at #677.

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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

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