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**Excise Officers Arrest 13 in West Lafayette**

**WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (Aug. 23)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 13 people for alcohol-related offenses in West Lafayette last night.

This weekend Indiana State Excise Police officers are actively patrolling near college campuses as students return for the start of the new school year. Officers are focused on promoting public safety by enforcing Indiana's alcohol laws.

In West Lafayette on Friday night, ten people were preliminarily charged with illegal possession or consumption of alcohol, three of whom were also issued seat belt tickets. Three adults were arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor. Excise officers also issued four warnings for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol.

"The goal of the State Excise Police this week is to help ensure that students arrive on college campuses across the state safely," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "Sadly, in recent years, at least one student has lost a life because of the excessive consumption of alcohol. We will work diligently to prevent such tragic losses of life."

Those arrested by excise officers last night will appear in court on Monday, Sept. 29, at 8:30 a.m.

Fall semester classes begin Monday at Purdue University.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

*All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*