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**Excise Officers arrest 46 during Ball State University's move in weekend.**

**MUNCIE, Ind. (August 18th)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 46 people on 59 charges while conducting enforcement details during Ball State University's move in weekend.

On Thursday, Excise officers issued summonses to 6 individuals for charges that included Minor Consumption of an Alcoholic Beverage, Minor in a Tavern, Possession of False Government Issued Identification, False Statement of Age, and Furnishing Alcoholic Beverages to a Minor.

On Friday, Excise officers arrested 27 on charges of Minor Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage, Public Intoxication, and Fleeing Law Enforcement.

Austin W. Kain, 20, of Elkhart was arrested on the preliminary charges of Minor Consumption of an Alcoholic Beverage, Public Intoxication, and Fleeing Law Enforcement after he was approached by a uniform officer and fled on foot in the area Beechwood Avenue. Winters was apprehended after a foot pursuit and taken to the Delaware County Jail.

On Saturday, 15 were arrested on 21 charges that included Minor in Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage, False Informing, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Law Enforcement, and Battery on a Police Officer

Branylon T. Johnson, 19, of Indianapolis was arrested in the 600 block of Ashland for the preliminary charges of Disorderly Conduct, Battery on a Police Officer, and Resisting Law Enforcement. Johnson was observed by officers punching another subject. When Johnson was approached by the officers, he fled on foot. He was caught after a foot pursuit and transported to the Delaware County jail.

Austin P. Bratton, 27, of Muncie was arrested after an incident outside the D-Luxe Bar and Lounge located at 1608 W. University Avenue. Bratton was denied entrance into the premise because of his level of intoxication. He was advised by a uniformed officer to leave the area and was escorted away by another subject. Mr. Bratton then returned and attempted to gain entry once again. The officer ordered him to leave the area. Mr. Bratton responded with obscenities directed towards the officer. He was informed that he was under arrest at that time and began to resist the officer's attempt to place him in handcuffs. Mr. Bratton was taken to the ground, placed in handcuffs, and transported to the Delaware County Jail on the preliminary charges of Resisting Law Enforcement and Public Intoxication.

"The goal of the Indiana State Excise Police for the new college school year is ensure that new and returning students have a safe year." Superintendent Matt Strittmatter stated. "Officers will remain diligent to make certain that underage drinking is minimal, so the students and the community are safe."

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.*