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Excise Police Cite 37, Arrest 3 During I.U. Football Game

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (Sept. 17) – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited 37 people on 42 charges and jailed several people during Indiana University’s football game against South Carolina State today.

Excise officers working in the tailgating areas around Memorial Stadium issued tickets to 35 people for illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages. Two people were arrested for public intoxication and resisting law enforcement. Additionally, two adults were cited for aiding a minor to possess an alcoholic beverage.

An 18-year-old female was incarcerated for public nudity, resisting law enforcement, illegal consumption and public intoxication when she was observed urinating in the red lot tailgating area. An officer twice requested she pull up her shorts and she failed to comply. She also was unable to stand up on her own or to speak coherently. A breath test indicated a .203%BrAC, more than twice the legal limit to drive a car.

A 19-year-old female was arrested for illegal consumption and public intoxication when officers saw her lying on the ground near a tree in the red lot. She was alone and trying to talk on her phone, while lying down on the ground. She said she could not find her friends and was lost. A breath test indicated a .249%BrAC, three times the limit to operate a car in Indiana.

An 18-year-old male was incarcerated for illegal possession, when he and his 15-year-old brother were both caught with cans of beer in the red lot. The juvenile was cited for illegal possession and released to his parents.

“Indiana State Excise Police officers are assigned to college sporting events to ensure the public’s safety and to enforce Indiana law,” Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. “Today, there were a couple of examples of underage drinking that led to some irresponsible actions that were the direct result of binge drinking, which is evident by the level of alcohol detected by the portable breath tests.”

“These arrests likely prevented more serious adverse consequences,” he said.

Those issued summonses will appear in Monroe Circuit Court in October.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. Excise officers enforce all state laws, but focus primarily on alcohol and tobacco violations.

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



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