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Excise Police Cite 61 During I.U. Football Game

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (Sept. 10) – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited 61 people on 62 charges during Indiana University’s football game against Virginia today – twice as many as last year’s first home football game.

Excise officers issued tickets to 56 people for illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, with one person testing .224%BAC on a portable breath test. Last year, excise officers issued 35 tickets during IU’s game against Towson on Sept. 2, 2010.

Additionally, two adults were cited for furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor and one adult was cited for providing false ID to a minor. Excise officers also cited two people for possession of false ID and one person for littering.

"State Excise officers will continue to ensure sporting events at Indiana University and other campuses are safe and orderly by assertively enforcing the statutes that prohibit underage individuals from consuming alcoholic beverages," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "Binge drinking is too common among young people, and it can have serious adverse consequences that can result in permanent injury or death."

"The increased presence of State Excise officers will continue, so that students, faculty and others visiting college and university campuses across Indiana can do so safely," 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.



