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Excise Police Issue 72 Tickets at I.U. Tailgating

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (Oct. 29) – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited 57 people on 72 charges during tailgating at Indiana University’s game against Northwestern today.

Excise officers also jailed nine people, most for public intoxication and resisting law enforcement. Two people were taken to IU Health Bloomington Hospital due to their high intoxication levels.

Fifty-four people were cited for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol. Excise officers also made arrests for public nudity, possession of False ID and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

A 19-year-old male was arrested after officers observed him urinating near the police parking lot. He tested .28%BAC and was taken to IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

Excise officers also arrested a 21-year-old female who was unable to walk without help. She was incoherent and when asked how old she was would say “08.” She also told officers she did not know where she lived and was unable to state her date of birth. She tested .27%BAC and was also taken to IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

Two people were caught twice by excise officers. A 20-year-old male had been ticketed by another excise officer 45 minutes before being caught with a Bud Light beer. Another underage male who had been cited earlier during tailgating was jailed for illegal possession when caught a second time with a beer.

“State Excise officers will continue to regulate the use of alcohol at athletic and other events to ensure the safety of students and the public,” Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. “We will aggressively enforce Indiana’s alcohol laws, particularly underage possession and consumption of alcohol.”

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on enforcing Indiana’s alcohol and tobacco statutes.