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Excise Police Arrest Three People, Issue Nine Tickets on Traffic Stop

VINCENNES, Ind. (July 23, 2011) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested one person for operating while intoxicated (controlled substance) and possession of marijuana and issued a total of nine tickets during a traffic stop at 15th and Hart Streets in Vincennes Friday night.

Jennifer M. Arvin, 25, of Vincennes, was preliminarily charged with operating while intoxicated (controlled substance), operating while intoxicated (endangering), possession of marijuana, driving while suspended (infraction) and open container violation.

Melissa S. Moore, 31, of Vincennes, was preliminarily charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

David A. Wilson, 41, of Decker, was preliminarily charged with possession of paraphernalia and a seatbelt violation.

Lt. Christopher Bard and Officer Matthew Watson stopped Arvin's vehicle for a traffic violation after it left Fort Knox Liquors at 15th and Hart. After approaching the vehicle, they smelled the odor of burnt marijuana and Arvin exhibited signs of intoxication. Officers located marijuana and an open alcoholic beverage container in Arvin's vehicle. A records check also indicated her license was suspended (infraction).

Officers located marijuana and paraphernalia on Moore. They also located paraphernalia on Wilson.

"The arrests affected by the officers in this case are an example of their commitment to the mission of the Indiana State Excise Police, which is to ensure the safety of Hoosiers by enforcing the statutes that are specific to alcoholic beverage violations," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "Often, the investigations relating to alcoholic beverage violations lead to the investigation of other crimes."

Arvin's vehicle was impounded and she was incarcerated at the Knox County Jail. Moore and Wilson were issued summonses and released at the scene.

Officer D. Halter of the Vincennes Police Department assisted with his K-9 during this vehicle stop.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers are empowered to enforce any state law, they primarily focus on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.