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Excise Police Issue 19 Tickets, Cite Bar in Muncie

MUNCIE, Ind. (Aug. 13) – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 19 tickets, cited Bygones Bar & Grill and jailed one person during an enforcement initiative in Muncie Friday night.

During the detail, officers patrolled in and around Ball State University and throughout the city of Muncie, primarily focusing on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.

Excise police issued tickets for the following:

- 7 – Illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage
- 3 – Illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage (without parent present)
- 3 – Aiding or inducing minor to possess an alcoholic beverage
- 2 – Seatbelt violations
- 1 – Possession of false ID
- 1 – Minor in tavern

Additionally, one person was arrested for public intoxication and public indecency after he was found urinating in the middle of the street. He tested .184% BrAC on a Portable Breath Test.

Police cited Bygones Bar and Grille, 2108 N. Walnut Street, for after-hours violations. Around 4:00 a.m., officers found nearly 400 patrons and more than 300 open containers of alcoholic beverages. Indiana law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages after 3:00 a.m. All alcohol containers must be removed by 3:30 a.m., when no more alcoholic beverages may be consumed.

“State Excise Police officers will be increasing their presence on and around college campuses over the coming weeks to ensure that students, especially incoming freshmen, have a safe experience as they begin the fall semester,” Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. “Underage drinking poses several risks to students, and it is the goal of the of the State Excise Police to reduce the occurrence of underage drinking, so student safety is not compromised.”

All of those cited will appear in Muncie City Court on later dates.

Excise officers worked with Muncie Police Department and Ball State Police Department officers.

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

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