



# Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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**Excise Police Issue 85 Tickets, Cite Muncie Bar**

**MUNCIE, Ind. (Aug. 21)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 85 tickets and cited a Muncie bar this weekend.

Excise officers arrested 70 people on 85 charges and cited The Timber's Lounge, 2770 W. Kilgore, during a saturation patrol of the area surrounding Ball State University.

On Friday, officers arrested 41 people on 53 charges. One juvenile was detained for possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and illegal possession of alcohol.

Thirty-three minors were arrested on various charges, including illegal possession of alcohol, possession of false ID, possession of marijuana, public intoxication, operating while intoxicated, entering a liquor store, resisting law enforcement and various traffic violations.

Seven adults were arrested on various charges of furnishing alcohol to a minor, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, open container violations and various traffic offenses.

On Saturday, excise officers arrested 29 people on 32 charges.

One juvenile was detained for illegal possession of alcohol. Twenty-five minors were arrested on various charges, including illegal possession of alcohol, public intoxication and OWI. Three adults were arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor, public intoxication and resisting law enforcement.

The Timber's Lounge was also cited Saturday for having an illegal bar in their parking lot.

"As the colleges and universities in Indiana resume classes this fall, the State Excise Police will increase its presence to ensure that the students, especially the incoming freshmen, have a safe beginning to this academic year and those to come," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "Excise Police will continue to collaborate with and support the campus and local law enforcement agencies in their mission to keep the communities and campuses safe."

This weekend, excise officers worked with Ball State Police and Muncie Police. Those arrested, except juveniles, will have court dates in Muncie City Court.

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, tobacco and related violations.

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