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Excise Police Issue 45 Tickets During OAR Concert At White River State Park

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (July 22, 2011) – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 45 tickets and jailed several people during the OAR concert at White River State Park in Indianapolis Friday night. Most arrests were for illegal possession of alcoholic beverages and drug possession.

Excise officers worked the concert in plain clothes, allowing them to blend in more easily with the crowd. During the concert, excise police officers issued 45 summonses to 35 people for the following:

- 22 minors for illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage
- 15 people on drug-possession charges, including possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance
- 4 minors for possession of false identification
- 2 adults for furnishing or providing alcoholic beverages to a minor
- 1 person for public intoxication
- 1 person for false informing law enforcement

One 18-year-old female was incarcerated after she approached a group of plain-clothes excise officers and asked if one of them would accompany her into the concert, not knowing they were police officers. She stated that she had been denied entry at the gate because she wasn't 21 years of age. Officers smelled the strong odor of alcoholic beverages on her breath. She asked that one of the officers pretend to be her boyfriend, saying he would only need to hold her hand and kiss her. She even offered to pay for his ticket, handing him \$30.00.

When she attempted to hold his hand, the officer identified himself verbally and by badge as a police officer and told her she was under arrest. The female was alone and not accompanied by anyone else. A Portable Breath Test indicated a .19%BrAC. She was arrested for illegal consumption, public intoxication and false informing, after she gave someone else's name and date of birth.

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.