



Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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Police Cite 21 Minors at House Party

TERRE HAUTE (Aug. 1) – Officers from three police agencies cited 21 minors at an underage drinking party in Terre Haute over the weekend.

Excise officers assisted the Vigo County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police at an underage drinking party at 6095 Planetts Road in Terre Haute around 12:30 a.m. Saturday. Officers cited a total of 20 minors (ages 18-20) and one juvenile (age 17 or younger) for illegal consumption. Two minors were also cited by VCSO and ISP for minor operating a motor vehicle with BAC between .02 to .08%.

"The effort of the Indiana State Excise Police officers in this case is consistent with the agency's mission," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "State law mandates that the minimum drinking age in Indiana is 21, and law enforcement officials must enforce the statute with zero tolerance."

"The State Excise Police is committed to ensuring the safety of Indiana citizens, especially our younger ones," he said. "It is likely the officers saved one or more lives by enforcing the alcoholic beverage laws."

Everyone cited at the party will appear in Terre Haute City Court at a later date. Each person cited was required to have a sober driver take him or her home.

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 and tobacco violations.

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