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Excise Officers Arrest 13-Year-Old Driver in Hammond

Hammond, Ind. – Indiana State Excise Police arrested a 13-year-old male for operating while never licensed and illegal possession of alcoholic beverages in Hammond Friday night.

Officers Nicholas Canal and Jeremy Reed were working a saturation patrol in Hammond on Friday, June 17, at approximately 9:40 PM, when they made a stop at the intersection of Calumet Avenue and 150th Street.

The officers observed a young-appearing male driving a red Ford vehicle approach and park at the Nick's Liquors, 4718 Calumet Avenue. A female passenger exited and went into the store. A short time later, the female exited with a brown paper bag with unknown alcoholic beverages and they left going southbound on Calumet Avenue.

The officers stopped the car and found the driver to be a 13-year-old juvenile male with no license. He was cited for operator never licensed and juvenile possession of alcohol, both misdemeanors, and will face the charges before the Lake County Juvenile Justice Center when notified. The passenger, Melissa C. Sanchez, age 33, Demotte, was cited for inducing a minor to possess alcoholic beverages.

The juvenile was released to his guardian in Highland after the investigation. A licensed driver arrived and took possession of the car and passenger from the scene.

Indiana State Excise Police is the law enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

