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Excise Police Execute Search Warrant at Illegal Bar, Arrest Six People

BEVERLY SHORES, Ind. (Aug. 21) – Indiana State Excise Police officers executed a search warrant at an illegal bar in Beverly Shores Saturday night, resulting in the arrest of six people.

Excise police, assisted by the Porter County Sheriff's Police, entered Shore General Store, also known as Boat Club Speakeasy, 2 West Dunes Highway, in Beverly Shores, around 11:05 p.m.

Officers located around 40 open bottles of various liquors, which were photographed and destroyed at the scene. They also found three unopened bottles of various liquors, nine unopened bottles of various wines and 89 unopened beers, all of which they seized. Excise officers also seized business records, paperwork documenting the illegal purchase and sale of alcoholic beverages and money.

As a result of last night's search, six people were charged with visiting a common nuisance. Additional charges related to the business are possible, pending further investigation.

"The Indiana State Excise Police is responsible for ensuring that the distribution of alcohol is regulated," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "In addition to educating lawful permit holders, excise officers work with other law enforcement agencies to gather information on illegal operations, such as the one closed this evening. The success of this investigation is the result of the collaborative effort of all of the agencies involved."

In addition to the Porter County Sheriff's Police, a deputy prosecutor with the Porter County Prosecutor's Office also assisted in this investigation.

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.