



Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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Excise Police Issue 167 Summonses During Little 500 Weekend

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 167 summonses to 134 people and incarcerated several subjects in Bloomington during the weekend of Indiana University’s Little 500, from April 13-16, 2011. They also issued 13 warning tickets.

In 2010, excise police issued 158 tickets during Little 500 weekend. In 2009, they issued 157; in 2008, 202; and in 2007, 103.

As in the last several years, the majority of tickets were for alcohol offenses, particularly illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages. Officers also made arrests for theft, criminal conversion, possession of marijuana, reckless possession of paraphernalia, resisting law enforcement, false informing, furnishing or providing alcoholic beverages to a minor and public intoxication.

The following is a list of some of the charges:

- 97 – Illegal possession, consumption or transportation of an alcoholic beverage
- 18 – Furnish/provide alcoholic beverage to a minor
- 13 – Possession of false ID
- 6 – Drug-related charges (marijuana/paraphernalia)
- 4 – Theft or criminal conversion
- 3 – False statement of age to permittee
- 2 – Resisting law enforcement
- 2 – Public intoxication
- 22 – Other charges (including littering, warrant service, minor in tavern, juvenile possession of tobacco and traffic offenses)

“Excise officers focused their attention on Bloomington this weekend, when alcohol violations are historically high as a result of Indiana University’s Little 500” Officer Travis Thickstun said. “A significant number of those arrested or cited by excise police this week

were not Indiana University students. Instead, they were people visiting Bloomington for the week-long party atmosphere.”

Those cited by excise officers this weekend appeared in Monroe Circuit Court Sunday morning at 8:30. Most of them spent the day in alcohol awareness class and doing community service.

Throughout the week, excise officers also worked with officers from the Bloomington Police Department, Indiana University Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, Indiana Conservation Officers and Indiana State Police.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While they are empowered to enforce any Indiana law, they focus primarily of alcohol, tobacco and related violations.