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Excise Police Issue 56 Tickets in South Bend

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (Aug. 28) - Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 56 tickets in South Bend around the Notre Dame campus this weekend.

On Friday, excise officers arrested 20 people on 38 charges. Thirteen minors were issued 17 citations for illegal possession of alcohol, minor in a tavern or liquor store and possession of false ID. Seven adults were charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor and various other offenses.

In the early hours of Saturday morning, excise police arrested a 28-year-old female for Operating While Intoxicated with a B.A.C. of .23 and drug possession. Police stopped her for driving down the middle of the roadway. Her case is still being investigated.

On Saturday, excise officers arrested 12 people on 17 charges. Four minors were charged with illegal possession of alcohol and eight adults for furnishing alcohol to a minor, in addition to other charges.

Around 3:00 a.m. Sunday, excise police arrested a 23-year-old male for public intoxication after he walked into a street and flagged an officer down. Another 23-year-old male was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated when he nearly hit an excise officer in a parking lot. After leaving the parking lot, he drove into oncoming traffic.

All persons cited will have court dates in St. Joseph County Court.

Indiana State Excise Police officers will continue to have an enforcement presence in St. Joseph County throughout the year to ensure the safety of everyone in the community by enforcing and regulating the laws regarding alcohol and tobacco as well as any criminal activity they may observe.

“The increased presence of State Excise Police officers is essential to ensuring the safety of all students and adults on and around campus,” Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. “It is preferred that students who are less than 21 refrain from alcohol use; however, for those who prefer to ignore the law, they should understand that Excise Police officers will enforce the statutes with zero tolerance.”

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.