



# Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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## **Ten Minors Arrested, Carmel Bar Cited by Excise Police**

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Jan. 22)** –Indiana State Excise Police arrested ten minors and cited a Carmel bar early Sunday morning.

Excise police responded to a request to assist Carmel Police Department officers at Double Apple Lounge, 4004 W. 96<sup>th</sup> Street, around 1:12 a.m., after CPD received an anonymous complaint of underage drinking.

As a result of their investigation, excise police officers arrested ten minors, three of whom were 17 years of age. They were all cited for minor in tavern, a misdemeanor, and four also received tickets for illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, also a misdemeanor.

Excise police officers cited Double Apple Lounge for ten counts of allowing a minor to loiter and one count of failing to maintain records of employee permits. There are signs posted on two of Double Apple Lounge's doors indicating someone must be 21 years of age to enter the bar.

Excise police officers arrested bar employee David O. Maldonado, 30, of Indianapolis, on an outstanding Boone County warrant. They also seized a DVR from the bar.

"State Excise Police officers will continue to work closely with local law enforcement agencies to achieve our primary mission – to reduce minors access to and use of alcoholic beverages," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said.

Excise police officers will continue to investigate complaints concerning illegal alcohol and tobacco sales. Anyone with information on illegal alcohol and tobacco sales should call 317-541-4100.

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.*