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Search warrants executed at three Dayton strip clubs

(DAYTON) – Last evening, 11 individuals and three businesses were criminally and civilly charged for their role in a drug trafficking, food stamp trafficking and prostitution case in Dayton.

Agents with the Ohio Investigative Unit, along with the Range Task Force and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, executed search warrants on three liquor permits on September 28. The charges are based on a long-term investigation at the Harem, 5825 North Dixie Drive, the Living Room, 3830 North Dixie Drive, and Sharkey's, 6028 North Dixie Drive.

Some of the individuals charged include:

- Kayla, O. Hatton, 22, of Dayton, was charged with seven counts of illegal sexually oriented activity in a sexually oriented business, two counts of trafficking in controlled substance cocaine and one count of trafficking marijuana/crack cocaine/cocaine.
- Melvin L. Bibb, 58, of Dayton, was charged with one count of trafficking marijuana/crack cocaine/cocaine and two counts of trafficking in controlled substance marijuana.
- Sarah J. Barnes, 27, of Middletown, was charged with two counts of illegal sexually oriented activity in a sexually oriented business and one count of trafficking in marijuana/crack cocaine/cocaine.
- Anna M. Barnes, 26, of Middletown, was charged with three counts of illegal sexually oriented activity in a sexually oriented business and two counts of trafficking a controlled substance marijuana.
- Jennifer L. Rowland, 32, of Springfield, was charged with three counts of illegal sexually oriented activity in a sexually oriented business, and one count each of prostitution and trafficking in controlled substance – cocaine.
- Catherine M. Dubois, 25, of Connersville, Ind., was charged with one count of illegal sexually oriented activity in a sexually oriented business.
- Amanda C. Jeffery, 35, of Cincinnati, was charged with three counts each of soliciting prostitution and illegal sexually oriented activity in a sexually oriented business.
- Four additional individuals were arrested on warrants unrelated to the case.

Agents also issued the following administrative charges against the liquor permits:

- The Harem with 34 counts of engaging in sexual activity, 29 counts of nudity, 17 counts of drug sales, 14 counts of drug possession, nine counts of solicitation for anything of value, six counts of public indecency, three counts of trafficking in electronic benefit

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transfer (EBT) and one count each of illegal possession of EBT and Drug Paraphernalia Possession.

- Sharkey's with seven counts of drug sales, six counts each of engaging in sexual acts and drug possession, four counts of trafficking in EBT, two counts each for solicitation of anything of value and nudity, and one count each of illegal use of EBT, drug use and illegal possession of EBT.
- The Living Room with five counts each of nudity and engaging in sexual activity, three counts of public indecency, and one count of drug sales.

Criminal charges were filed in the Montgomery County Common Pleas and Vandalia Municipal Courts. As the investigation continues, additional arrests and charges will be made.

The administrative case will be presented to the Ohio Liquor Control Commission at a later date. Possible administrative penalties include fines, suspensions, or revocation of the liquor permit.

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