

Multi-Agency “Party Crashers” Enforcement Initiative Has Large Impact on Underage Drinking, Nets Several Arrests

The Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement partnered with several other law enforcement agencies to target the problem of underage drinking. Police officers from the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, Delaware State Police, Dewey Beach Police Department, Rehoboth Beach Police Department, University of Delaware Police Department and the Delaware State Fire Marshal’s Office hit the streets this week as part of a high-visibility enforcement campaign to prevent and combat underage consumption and binge drinking in and around the town of Dewey Beach.

On June 3, the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement was able to obtain information and make observations of a underage party occurring at 17 Collins Street in Dewey Beach. After obtaining information from inside of that location, a search warrant was obtained and executed at the residence and several area students were found to be drinking underage. A total of 28 underage persons at the party were cited for underage drinking by the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement and Dewey Beach Police. In addition, the owner of that residence, Mark L. Woodruff, 50, of Dewey Beach was charged with Providing Alcohol to Minors.

Other arrests this week by all officers involved included the following charges:

Underage Possession/Consumption of Alcohol: 16

Sell Alcohol to a Minor: 3
Enter Package Store Under 21: 2
Possession of Marijuana: 1
Open Container of Alcohol: 1
Local Fugitive: 1
Drunk on Highway: 2

Officers patrolling the streets noticed that rented houses were much quieter than in past years and the number of underage parties that normally occur in the Dewey Beach area appeared to have been greatly reduced. It is believed that the advertisement of this campaign and the overt police presence had a positive impact on reducing underage drinking in the Dewey Beach area. Officers will be continuing their enforcement efforts during the months of June.



“Party Crashers” Campaign
Flyer

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