



ABC Update July 2011

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ABC Investigation Reveals Connection to National Fake ID Ring

Local Suspect Arrested and Charged

Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigator Steve Newell, along with University of Kentucky Police Detective Jason Beetz, arrested 21 year-old Eric Gaines for distributing fake identifications as well as possession of illegal drugs. Gaines is connected to a national fake ID ring headquartered in Florida.

Upon arrest, Gaines was charged with seven counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree; trafficking in a controlled substance (ecstasy), possession of a controlled substance (heroin), possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Gaines was booked in the Fayette County Detention Center with possible federal charges pending. Bond was set at \$55,025.

The lengthy investigation began when a UK student was arrested by UK police with fake identification in his possession. Investigator Newell was then brought in to assist. Further inquiry revealed that the ID was acquired from a fake ID operation. Once targeted suspects were identified, ABC investigative aides made purchases of the fraudulent identifications allowing search warrants to be issued for Gaines' e-mail account.

The search revealed that Gaines was involved in a national fake ID ring and was directly responsible for facilitating and distributing approximately 154 fake operators' licenses in Fayette County, many being sold to area high school students.

In connection with the local arrest, federal investigators in the Miami Beach, Florida area arrested the source of the fake ID ring and charged him with multiple federal violations including numerous counts of fraud-related charges.

University of Kentucky Police, U.S. Postal Service inspectors, and the U.S. Secret Service also contributed to the investigation.

Ian K. Thurman Named ABC Investigator of the Year

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, on Friday June 3, named Ian K. Thurman Investigator of the Year.

Thurman, who is a Police Training Officer for the ABC Enforcement Division, was selected for the award by his peers. The award is presented for outstanding service and dedication in the mission of the ABC.

“I am very proud of Ian,” said Mike Razor, director of the Enforcement Division. “He is very deserving of this recognition. Being selected by one’s peers for Investigator of the Year is a great honor.”

Now in his sixth year with ABC, Thurman has served in Louisville and Lexington. He currently trains new recruits and assesses their progress.

Thurman previously served as a probation and parole officer for Kentucky prior to joining the ABC Enforcement Division.

Upcoming Local Option Elections

On July 26, 2011, there will be an election in Precinct B104 in Oldham County for a GOLF alcoholic beverage by the drink license for the Oldham County Country Club.



S.T.A.R. Training Dates

Below are upcoming dates for the Server Training in Alcohol Regulations. In addition to responsible sales and service training, we cover Kentucky-specific statutes and regulations, individual liabilities and fake IDs. Class time is four hours. **Keep up with class changes and additions at www.abc.ky.gov/education.**

Class Location	City	Date	Time
Ramada Conference Center	Lexington	07/05/2011	9:00AM
Holiday Inn Express	Louisville	07/05/2011	9:00AM
Cigar Factory Mall	Owensboro	07/11/2011	9:00AM
Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control	Frankfort	07/11/2011	9:00AM
Ramada Conference Center	Lexington	07/16/2011	9:00AM
Cave City Convention Center	Cave City	07/18/2011	9:00AM
Regional Prevention Center	Maysville	07/19/2011	9:00AM
Jefferson Co. Co-Op Extension Office	Louisville	07/19/2011	6:00PM
City Hall	Paducah	07/25/2011	9:00AM
Pritchard Community Center	Elizabethtown	07/25/2011	9:00AM
Ramada Conference Center	Lexington	07/26/2011	5:00PM
Florence Government Center	Florence	07/26/2011	9:00AM
Ramada Conference Center	Lexington	08/02/2011	9:00AM
Holiday Inn Express	Louisville	08/02/2011	9:00AM
Cigar Factory Mall	Owensboro	08/08/2011	5:00PM
Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control	Frankfort	08/08/2011	5:00PM
Houchen's Industries, Inc	Bowling Green	08/15/2011	9:00AM
Holiday Inn Express	London	08/16/2011	9:00AM
Ramada Conference Center	Lexington	08/20/2011	9:00AM
Kentucky River ADD/Perry Park	Hazard	08/22/2011	9:00AM
Jefferson Co. Co-Op Extension Office	Louisville	08/23/2011	6:00PM
Inter-County Energy Co-op	Danville	08/29/2011	9:00AM
Ramada Conference Center	Lexington	08/30/2011	5:00PM