



Utica Police Department

Press Release



Chief LaBella states:

On Saturday October 24th, 2009 the Utica Police Department's Special Operations Unit responded to Pistol Pete's located at 315 Nichols Street due to a disorderly group and complaint of loud noise. While investigating the complaint and speaking with the proprietors of Pistol Pete's, officers observed a juvenile fall down the flight of stairs which lead to the second floor of this establishment. As the officers attempted to aid the injured juvenile one of the proprietors interfered and tried to stop the officers from helping. This proprietor was subsequently arrested. While being treated by UFD the injured juvenile was found to be highly intoxicated which was confirmed by a positive breath test on an Alcosensor. Upon further investigation it was discovered that there was an admission charge to an underage party at Pistol Pete's where evidence of alcoholic beverages and Marihuana were permitted for underage and juvenile consumption where at least 100 kids were in attendance. Police also learned that another juvenile was highly intoxicated and passed out up stairs in the establishment.

Pistol Pete's is considered a "Hot Spot" by the Utica Police Department. Officers have responded to at least 177 calls for service in this area since January 1st, 2009. The investigation is continuing. If parents have anymore information they are urged to contact the Utica Police Department at 735-3301.

Chief LaBella also states that any business in the City of Utica that harms children by providing them with or permitting them to consume alcohol will not be tolerated. The Utica Police Department will be vigilant in monitoring and prosecution of these establishments.

Suspects/ Persons Arrested:

Stephen Patterson – 46 years old from Utica



1. Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree (NY PL 195.05 a class A Misdemeanor)
2. Unlawfully Dealing With a Child 1st (NY PL 260.20 a class A Misdemeanor)
3. Endangering the Welfare of a Child (NY PL 260.10 a class A Misdemeanor)
4. Consumption On Premise Without a License (NY ABC 64 b – Unclassified Misdemeanor)
5. Criminal Nuisance (NY PL 240.45 a class B Misdemeanor)
6. Harassment 2nd (NY PL 240.26 a Violation)
7. Cabaret (UCC 2-14-196)
8. General Noise Prohibited (UCC 2-15-57)

Willie Walker – 43 years old from Utica



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Units/ Departments Involved:

Special Operations & Patrol Division – Platoon A

Date: October 24th, 2009