

Excise: Lifeline Law leads to help for drunk woman

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. (WANE) - Indiana's Lifeline Law led to medical assistance for a severely intoxicated South Bend woman early Sunday morning, according to excise police.

The law provides immunity for certain alcohol-related offenses for someone who calls for medical assistance for someone else, and then remains at the scene and cooperates with authorities. The priority is to get medical care to those in need of it, regardless of the circumstances.

According to excise police, at around 1 a.m. Sunday, police were dispatched to Irish Crossings Townhomes in South Bend after receiving complaints of loud noise coming from a home. When officers arrived, several people jumped off of the balcony and ran. Indiana State Excise Police officers were then dispatched to assist.

Excise officers cited an 18-year-old woman for illegal consumption after she had a .116 Blood Alcohol Content (BAC). A 20-year-old woman was then arrested for illegal consumption, false informing, hindering law enforcement and misuse of license, all misdemeanors, according to police.

Police then noticed two minors walking outside, carrying a severely intoxicated 22-year-old woman from the home. Both minors said they were underage and had been drinking alcohol, but they wanted to get medical help for the intoxicated woman.

Police called medics immediately and the woman was transported to Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

According to excise officers, neither of the two minors was cited for any offense after being truthful to the police and getting the woman proper help. Both were released at the scene.

Excise officers then went back into the home and cited 31 people for illegal consumption of alcohol. None of the people who were cited played any part in seeking medical attention for the intoxicated woman, according to police.

Indiana excise police encourage you to call 911 if someone appears to be in need of medical attention, even if you're not sure how serious the condition is.

For more information on Indiana's Lifeline Law, [click here](#).

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