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## NEWS RELEASE

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### NEWS RELEASE – OPERATION OVER EXPOSED

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Today, the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (MBI) with the assistance of Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando Police Department and the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco completed a five (5) month undercover narcotics and vice investigation, that was focused inside the strip club called *Cleo's Gentleman's Club*, located at 1310 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orange County, Florida. The investigation called, *Operation Over Exposed* has resulted in evidence to bring criminal charges against **forty-five (45) of the workers and performers at Cleo's Gentleman's Club** and **nine (9) customers** of the strip club who were arranging narcotics sales and committing other offenses inside the club.

The **forty-five (45) workers** at *Cleo's*, who used stripper stage names such as *Addictive, Skittles, Charisma, Menace, Poison, Delicious, Justice, and Paradise*, are being charged with **375 counts** of vice, adult entertainment, or alcoholic beverage violations to include: **Exposure of Sexual Organs, Engaging in Public Nudity, Engaging in Lewdness, Straddle Dancing, Engaging in Specified Sexual Activity and Solicitation of Alcoholic Beverages.** Fourteen (14) *Cleo's* workers and performers are also being charged with narcotics felonies that include **Trafficking and Sale and Delivery of Ecstasy, Sale and Delivery of Cocaine, and Sale and Delivery of Cannabis.** Purchased during the investigation were **390 grams of Cocaine, 187 Ecstasy tablets, and 21 grams of Cannabis.** During the 5 month

investigation, **30 narcotics transactions** occurred at Cleo's Gentleman's Club to include **Trafficking level transactions** for Cocaine and Ecstasy that carry minimum-mandatory sentences of three years in prison.

Arrest warrants are now being served. **Previously, in 2001, nine (9) workers** at Cleo's Gentleman's Club were charged with similar vice, narcotics, alcoholic beverage violations that occurred inside the business and the **Cleo's Gentleman's Club subsequently paid \$42,027 in fines and costs.**

The **Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco** will be pursuing administrative charges against the alcoholic beverage license.

If updated information is needed, please contact the MBI Narcotics Commander, Lieutenant Larry Zwieg at 836-9724.

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