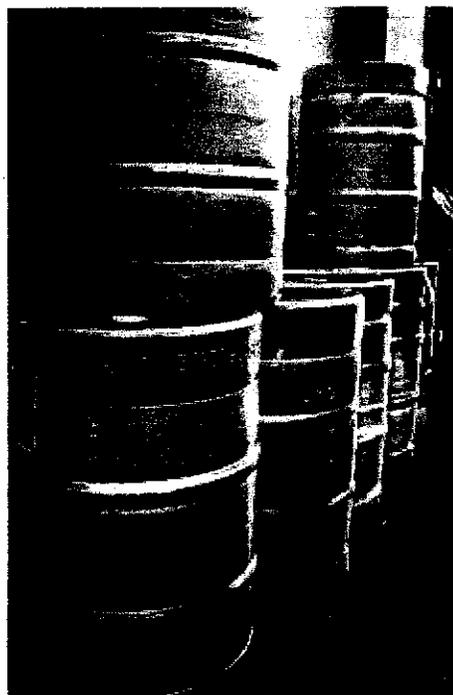


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Flathead County Sheriff's Office plans to find out who bought \$1,400 worth of alcohol for a large teenage party Friday night.

"It was definitely the most organized party I've seen," said Patrol Commander Mike Meehan.

He said seven kegs of beer and gallons of hard liquor were seized at the party. The hosts of the party, Chris Goulet and Timothy Hatlen, both 19, rent the home at 1100 Rhodes Draw. They sold tickets for \$5 for "all the beer you wanted," and \$10 for a "VIP pass" for hard liquor and an exotic dance show. Meehan said.

"We didn't see any exotic dancers," he said. "We broke it up shortly after it started" at about 9:30 p.m.

Officers did see about 200 teenagers, though. Nine were cited for underage alcohol possession, with more possible charges to follow.

Charges against Hatlen and Goulet are pending, Meehan said, and they have not said who purchased the beer, gallon bottles of margarita mix and other liquor.

Sheriff's detective Jeanne Landis asked anyone with information on who provided the alcohol for the party to call the sheriff's office at 758-5585.

Retailers in Montana don't have to register kegs of beer, so tracing them is not as simple as it is in other states, the officers said.

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