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**Press Release:
January 2, 2021**

Indiana, PA – John Crouse, owner of Crouse’s Café in downtown Indiana, PA was issued non-traffic citations for violating the Administrative Code of 1929 71 P. S. § 1409 and the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955 35 P.S. § 521.20(a) by permitting in-person dining at Crouse’s Café, 660 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, PA against Public Health and Safety Orders issued by Governor Tom Wolf and Department of Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine on December 10, 2020 and in effect from December 12, 2020 to January 4, 2021.

The citations were issued after education and repeated warnings, both in-person and via letter, were exhausted. Mr. Crouse met with police for discussion of this topic on December 15th and was issued written warnings on December 16, 19, and 21 for noted violations. Crouse’s Café was again observed permitting in-person dining on January 2, 2021 prompting citations being issued.

The Indiana Borough Police Department recognizes the difficult situation all local business owners have found themselves during COVID 19. It has been our intent to support every resident and all business partners throughout the pandemic and we are confident that every opportunity for support and avoidance of citations was provided to Mr. Crouse during this difficult time.

The citations will be filed at District Court 40-2-01.