

## News Release

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### Arizona Department of Gaming Issues Multiple Cease-and-Desists

PHOENIX – The Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG) has taken decisive enforcement action this week against multiple unlicensed and unregulated gambling operators—both domestic and international—that have been unlawfully targeting Arizona residents. As part of its ongoing efforts to protect the public and uphold Arizona gaming laws, the Department has issued several cease-and-desist orders to unlicensed entities offering unlawful wagering activities.

The named operators are allegedly providing access to various illegal online gaming services, including slot-style casino games, “sweepstakes” platforms, sports wagering, horse race betting, and peer-to-peer wagering exchanges. These operations are not licensed by the State and fail to meet Arizona’s strict regulatory requirements, thereby posing significant consumer protection and financial risks to Arizonans.

#### The following unlicensed operators have been issued cease-and-desist orders:

- Sweepstakes:
  - ARB Gaming, LLC d/b/a Modo.us
    - MODO.us (online casino) / BITMODO LLC
    - Modo
  - Epic Hunts
- Event Wagering Sportsbook:
  - Generiz
- Peer-to-Peer Exchange:
  - ProphetX
- Offers Multiple Types:
  - MyBookie
  - BetUS.com.pa

The active operations of these companies and online websites in Arizona are alleged to be felony criminal enterprises, and each operator has been directed to desist from any future illegal gambling operations or activities of any type in Arizona. Due to the unregulated and illegal online gaming offerings on these sites, operators are claimed to be in violation of Arizona gaming laws, including:

1. Promotion of Gambling (Felony) -- A.R.S. § 13-3303.
2. Illegal Control of an Enterprise (Felony) -- A.R.S. § 13-2312.

### 3. Money Laundering (Felony) -- A.R.S. § 13-2317.

Each aforementioned operator has been directed to **immediately** cease all online (or other) gambling operations and activities in Arizona, and take the necessary steps to immediately prevent and exclude Arizona residents and visitors from gambling on their websites.

"Illegal gaming—no matter the platform or format—has no place in Arizona. Whether it's sweepstakes, online casino-style games, or unauthorized sports betting, if an operation exists outside of the state's legal and regulatory framework, we are prepared to take enforcement action," stated Jackie Johnson, Director of the ADG. "Illegal gambling is not just unlawful—it's stealing from our economy and undermining the safeguards that protect consumers. The Department fully supports the licensed and regulated operators who are doing things the right way—operating within the bounds of the law, contributing to Arizona's economy, and providing the protections that only a regulated market can ensure."

#### **Consumer Protection Advisory:**

As illegal online gaming activity continues to rise, the ADG urges all residents and visitors to be cautious when participating in gaming—whether online or in person. Regulated gaming offers important consumer protections—helping ensure fair play, data security, accountability, and a safer overall experience.

Many online platforms currently accessible in Arizona are neither licensed nor regulated, exposing users to significant risks, including fraud, identity theft, and financial loss. Because these operations fall outside the state's regulatory authority, ADG cannot assist with complaints or disputes involving unregulated or illegal gaming activities—often leaving victims with no recourse for recovering lost funds. It is important to remember: **just because you can download the app, access the website, and play the games does not mean the platform is legal or safe.**

Individuals are encouraged to verify the legitimacy of any gaming platform before placing bets or engaging in gameplay. To protect yourself, always use legally authorized and state-regulated operators. A complete list of authorized casinos, event wagering operators, fantasy sports operators, and off-track betting for horse racing is available on ADG's official website: [gaming.az.gov](http://gaming.az.gov).

#### **How to Report Suspicious Gaming Activity, Fraud, or Identity Theft:**

If you encounter what appears to be an illegal gaming website, app, or an operation impersonating an authorized Arizona casino or licensed operator, take the following steps:

1. **Document the website URL, app, business name, and any promotional materials** associated with the platform or operator.
2. **Report it** to ADG at [publicaffairs@azgaming.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@azgaming.gov) and the Arizona Attorney General's Office Consumer Information and Complaints Unit at **(602) 542-5763** or by visiting [azag.gov/consumer](http://azag.gov/consumer).
3. **Cease activity on the platform** and monitor financial accounts for unauthorized transactions.
4. **If you suspect identity theft**, report it to the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"): for help in English, go to [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov) and for help in Spanish, go to [RoboIdentidad.gov](http://RoboIdentidad.gov).

**ADG takes complaints about all illegal gambling seriously.** To report any form of suspected illegal gambling, visit [gaming.az.gov/about/contact-us](http://gaming.az.gov/about/contact-us), call ADG at **(602) 255-3886**, or email [publicaffairs@azgaming.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@azgaming.gov). Reports can be made anonymously.

## **About ADG**

Established by the Arizona State Legislature in 1995, ADG is the state regulatory agency for [tribal gaming](#), [event wagering & fantasy sports contests](#), [racing and pari-mutuel/simulcast wagering](#), and [unarmed combat sports](#). ADG also provides and supports education, prevention, and treatment programs for people and families affected by problem gambling through its [Division of Problem Gambling](#) and 24-hour confidential helpline, 1-800-NEXT STEP.

*The Department and our Division of Problem Gambling would greatly appreciate our media partners including supportive resources when reporting on gambling, or event wagering, fantasy sports, sports betting, or other wagering-related activities:*

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, you can get help now by calling 1-800-NEXT-STEP (1.800.639.8783), DPG's confidential helpline, texting "NEXTSTEP" to 53342, or utilizing a chat feature on the DPG website. DPG's helpline confidentiality connects callers with available resources, including statewide treatment providers who specialize in problem gambling. The helpline is available 24/7 to everyone facing a problem with gambling – individuals and affected family members, friends, or co-workers. Learn more and access resources at [problemgambling.az.gov](http://problemgambling.az.gov).

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