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Crack Down on Illegal Gambling Continues

PHOENIX – On October 13, 2011, Richard Victory pleaded guilty in the Superior Court of Arizona to Attempted Promotion of Gambling, a Class 6 felony. This was the latest development in a case that began in August of 2010, when agents from the Arizona Department of Gaming and the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control seized eight pay-for-play video machines operating in four liquor-licensed establishments in Phoenix and Tempe. Five additional machines were seized at a storage facility in Mesa. A warrant was served at each business believed to be operating in violation of their liquor license, and Mr. Victory was alleged to be providing these machines in exchange for a percentage of the profits. Officials estimated Victory to have collected thousands of dollars in undeclared income each month.

“Investigating illegal gambling activity and taking the appropriate action continues to be a priority for our office,” said Mark Brnovich, Director of the Arizona Department of Gaming.

"This agency will continue to provide strict enforcement of liquor and gaming laws at liquor-licensed establishments throughout the state," added Director Alan Everett of the Department of Liquor.

Richard Victory is now scheduled to appear for sentencing in the Superior Court of Arizona on November 15, 2011.

Over the past year, the Arizona Department of Gaming has worked in cooperation with various licensing, law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to seize more than 100 illegal gambling devices across the state.

For more information or to request an interview with Director Brnovich, contact Rick Medina, Assistant Director of the Arizona Department of Gaming at (602) 771-4263.

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