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### Arizona Department of Gaming Investigation into Illegal Gambling Leads to Record-Breaking Firearms Seizure

PHOENIX – On October 30, 2024, Arizona Department of Gaming ("ADG") Intelligence Agents, with aid from the Arizona Department of Public Safety ("AZDPS"), successfully concluded an investigation into an alleged illegal gambling operation involving gun raffles in Tucson, Arizona. This operation resulted in the arrest of two (2) individuals, who face multiple felony charges, and the seizure of four hundred and fifty-two (452) firearms, plus ammunition, firearm accessories, over \$4000 in cash, and bank accounts.

"Record-breaking seizures like this only further highlight the criminal activity that illegal gambling establishments attract when they go unregulated, posing a significant threat to public safety," said Jackie Johnson, Director of the Arizona Department of Gaming. "I commend the exceptional work of our ADG Intelligence Unit for their unwavering dedication in investigating and addressing illegal gambling activities throughout the state. Their thorough and diligent efforts play a crucial role in protecting the public and ensuring compliance with Arizona's gaming laws. I also want to extend my appreciation to our partners at the Arizona Department of Public Safety for their vital support during this enforcement operation."

"I would like to congratulate the Arizona Department of Gaming on this sizable seizure of weapons and ammunition. Thanks to their efforts, two criminals are off the streets, and over 450 firearms are no longer available for criminal use." Said Colonel Jeffrey Glover, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety. "I'm proud of the work done by my agency and we will continue to assist any law enforcement agency that requests our help. Collaboration between agencies in the State of Arizona is stronger today than ever, and the AZDPS will always be dedicated to those continued partnerships."

Following this recent enforcement action, the Arizona Department of Gaming urges residents to exercise caution when conducting raffles, bingo, or other forms of social, amusement, or charitable gambling to ensure they are in full compliance with the law. **ADG takes complaints about illegal gambling seriously. To report suspected illegal gambling activity, visit our website, call (602) 255-3886, or email [publicaffairs@azgaming.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@azgaming.gov). You can remain anonymous.**

## **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.