



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 19, 2022

PA Gaming Control Board Fines Casino Operator and Places Eight on Exclusion List for Gambling at Casinos While Leaving Children Unattended

HARRISBURG, PA: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) approved a consent agreement during its public meeting today that lead to a fine of \$10,000 for Stadium Casino RE, LLC, operator of Live! Casino Philadelphia for two incidents in which individuals gained access to restricted areas of the casino facility.

The Board also today took action to ban eight adults from all casinos in the Commonwealth for leaving a total of 16 children unattended in order to gamble.

The approved consent agreement was the result of negotiations between the Office of Enforcement Counsel (OEC) and Stadium Casino RE, LLC. It is the first consent agreement between OEC and this operator since the opening of its casino in January 2021.

In the first incident, a woman entered numerous restricted “back of the house” areas in both the casino and hotel, and stole items from employees. In the second incident, three casino patrons were able to enter an unsecured restricted area and gain access to the casino floor after previously being denied casino access by security.

A copy of the approved Consent Agreement offering more details on this matter is available upon request through the PGCB’s Office of Communications.

The Board’s actions regarding adults who chose to enter a casino while leaving children under their care unattended serves as a reminder that adults are prohibited from leaving minors unattended in the parking lot or garage, a hotel, or other venues at a casino since it creates a potentially unsafe and dangerous environment for the children. Leaving minors unattended at a Pennsylvania casino subjects the offending adult to criminal prosecution in addition to exclusion from all Pennsylvania casinos.

DETAILS

- A male patron was placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List after leaving five children, ages ranging from 11 to 3, unattended in a vehicle in the Harrah’s Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack parking garage. The children were unattended for 25 minutes while the adult played table games;
- A female patron was placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List after leaving a 12-year-old child unattended in her vehicle in the Harrah’s Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack parking garage. The child was unattended for 57 minutes while the adult wagered at slot machines;
- A female patron was placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List after leaving a 9-year-old child unattended in her vehicle in the Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course parking garage. The child was unattended for 30 minutes while the adult wagered at slot machines;
- A male patron was placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List after leaving a 2-year-old child unattended in a vehicle in the Presque Isle Downs & Casino parking lot. The child was unattended for 32 minutes while the adult wagered in the sportsbook.

- A male patron was placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List after leaving a 12-year-old child unattended in a vehicle in the Valley Forge Casino Resort parking lot. The child was unattended for 8 minutes while the adult wagered in the sportsbook;
- A male patron was placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List after leaving three children, ages 13, 12 and 10, unattended in a vehicle in the Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino parking lot. The children were unattended for 12 minutes while the adult observed table games;
- A male patron was placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List after leaving an 8-year-old child unattended in his taxi service vehicle in the bus lobby parking area of Rivers Casino Pittsburgh. The child was unattended for 20 minutes while the adult wagered in the sportsbook; and,
- A male patron was placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List after leaving three children, ages 9, 6 and 5, unattended in a vehicle in the Rivers Casino Pittsburgh parking garage. The children were unattended for 21 minutes while the adult played table games.

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 16, 2022 in the PGCB's Public Hearing Room located on the second floor of the Strawberry Square Complex in Harrisburg.

About the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is tasked to oversee all aspects of gambling involving 16 land-based casinos, online casino games, retail and online sports wagering, and Video Gaming Terminals (VGTs) at qualified truck stops, along with the regulation of online fantasy sports contests.

The land-based casino industry in Pennsylvania consists of six racetrack (Category 1) casinos, five stand-alone (Category 2) casinos, two resort (Category 3) casinos and three mini-casinos (Category 4). Casino expansion will continue over the next couple of years with the openings of up to two additional Category 4 casinos. A significant job generator in the Commonwealth, casinos and the other types of Board-regulated gaming generated over \$2 billion in tax revenue during the 2021/2022 State Fiscal Year.

Additional information about both the PGCB's gaming regulatory efforts and Pennsylvania's gaming industry can be found at <https://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov>. You can also follow the agency on Twitter by choosing @PAGamingControl.

MEDIA CONTACTS: Doug Harbach or Richard McGarvey - (717) 346-8321

###