



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

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Live Dealer Studio Operator Fined \$25,000 by Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

Board also placed 17 individuals on its gambling exclusion lists

HARRISBURG, PA: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (“Board”) approved a consent agreement today presented by the Board’s Office of Enforcement Counsel (“OEC”) during its public meeting resulting in a fine of \$25,000 against Evolution US, LLC (“Evolution”).

Evolution holds an iGaming Manufacturer Licenses in Pennsylvania and operates a live table game dealer studio in Philadelphia. The fine stems from a nearly 2-day period in which it failed to save surveillance video. This occurred due to a power outage at its studio. While live cameras remained operational at its 14 tables, a resulting computer server failure resulted in surveillance footage not being collected and saved per the PA Gaming Act.

The approved Consent Agreement containing additional details on the incident is available upon request through the Board’s Office of Communications.

The Board also approved recommendations by OEC for the placement of 17 individuals on its various Involuntary Exclusion Lists. This includes two persons who left minors unattended in order to engage in gaming activities in a casino and two others for committing fraud using iGaming sites.

Placed on the Casino Involuntary Exclusion for unattended minors were:

- A male patron left a 6-year-old unattended in a vehicle in the parking lot of Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia for 6 minutes while he gambled at the sportsbook; and,
- A male patron left three minors, two aged 6 and the other aged 9, unattended in a vehicle in the parking garage at Rivers Casino Pittsburgh for 16 minutes while he gambled at the sportsbook.

Actions such as these to deny statewide gambling privileges serve 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. To compliment the efforts by casinos to mitigate this issue, the Board created an awareness campaign, “Don’t Gamble with Kids”.

The 13 additional persons placed on the Casino Involuntary Exclusion List, whose presence in a licensed facility would be inimical to the interest of the Commonwealth and licensed gaming, were for various offenses. Since its inception, 1,262 persons have been placed on the Casino Involuntary Exclusion List.

Additionally, two persons were placed on the Board’s Involuntary iGaming Exclusion Lists for fraudulent behavior:

- An individual created 8 separate online accounts besides his own using the personal information of other individuals; and,

- An individual created and gambled on several online gaming accounts and then illegally requested and received chargebacks to a credit card totaling \$15,336.

The Board's actions in these matters stem from its commitment to keep individuals who have committed fraud from gaming online in Pennsylvania. The additions made today brought the total number of individuals who are currently on the iGaming Involuntary Exclusion List to 53.

The Gaming Control Board is scheduled to meet on two occasions in January. The first will be an videoconference-only meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 1:00 pm. The second will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 in the Board's Public Hearing Room located on the second floor of the Strawberry Square Complex in Harrisburg. More information including agendas for these meetings will be posted on the Board's website prior to each meeting.

About the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is tasked to oversee all aspects of gambling involving 17 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 four mini-casinos (Category 4). A significant job generator in the Commonwealth, casinos and the other types of Board-regulated gaming generated \$2.54 billion in tax revenue in Fiscal Year 2023/24.

Additional information about both the PGCB's gaming regulatory efforts and Pennsylvania's gaming industry can be found at gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov.

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