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Ohio Casino Control Commission Announces Plea Deal in Illegal Casino Case

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Casino Control Commission announced today that Stephen Cline has pled guilty to one felony count each of money laundering and operating an illegal casino. Cline – owner and operator of Spinners Skill Stop Games near Circleville – entered his plea in Pickaway County Common Pleas Court.

The Commission launched an investigation into Spinners after receiving a complaint the business was paying out cash in violation of Ohio law. Gaming Agents – in partnership with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and the Pickaway County Prosecutor's Office – seized \$94,000 in cash along with 140 illegal gaming machines from Spinners in April 2015 as part of the investigation.

"Ohio law is clear about the paying out of cash prizes, and the Commission will continue to hold accountable anyone who conducts illegal gaming in Ohio," said Matthew Schuler, Executive Director of the Ohio Casino Control Commission. "This case is one example of our ongoing vigilance to maintain the integrity of gaming in Ohio, and we appreciate the assistance we received from the Pickaway County Prosecutor and Sheriff's Offices as well as BCI."

Cline faces up to 3 years in prison when he is sentenced.

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The Ohio Casino Control Commission is the regulatory body with oversight of the state's four casinos. It has the responsibility to ensure the integrity of casino gaming by licensing, regulating, investigating and enforcing state laws. Learn more at <http://casinocontrol.ohio.gov>.

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