



OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

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Statement From Executive Director Matthew Schuler on Illegal Gambling Investigation in Northeast Ohio

COLUMBUS – *The following statement can be attributed, in whole or in part, to Ohio Casino Control Commission Executive Director Matthew Schuler regarding the search warrants served today in Northeast Ohio:*

“Today our gaming agents provided assistance to the Lorain County Prosecutor’s Office with an investigation involving illegal gambling. Although significant progress has been made in combating illegal gambling in recent years, these operations continue to flourish due to their lucrative nature.

“Illegal casinos prey on vulnerable Ohioans, operate without proper oversight and offer no recourse for consumers. The Commission will continue to use all of the tools at our disposal to shut down those establishments that disregard Ohio law.

“The Commission is committed to ensuring that gaming in Ohio is conducted with honesty and integrity, and we appreciate the efforts of all our law enforcement partners in today’s operation.”

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

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