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## PA Gaming Control Board Places 11 individuals on the Involuntary Interactive Exclusion List for iGaming Fraud

**HARRISBURG**, **PA**: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board ("Board") on Wednesday approved recommendations by its Office of Enforcement Counsel ("OEC") for the placement of 11 individuals on the iGaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

The iGaming transactions that these 11 individuals engaged in were investigated by the Board's Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement ("BIE") and found to be fraudulent in two major respects:

- 1. an individual used a fraudulent scheme to obtain an iGaming account in another person's name and identifiers; and,
- 2. used fraud to facilitate the placement of funds into their iGaming account and, without engaging in any gaming activity, managed to have funds withdrawn from their iGAming accounts directly into their own bank account.

The specific fraudulent conduct of each individual is further described below:

- Illegally requesting and receiving chargebacks to a credit card totaling \$5,150;
- Creating two separate online accounts using the personal identification of other individuals;
- Creating five separate online accounts using the personal identification of other individuals and withdrawing \$6,195 into their own personal bank account;
- Accessing two separate online accounts using the personal identification of two other individuals and withdrawing \$1,000 into their own personal bank account;
- Accessing one online account using the personal identification and credit card of another individual and unsuccessfully attempting to withdraw \$1,300;
- Accessing one online account using the personal identification and credit card of another individual and withdrawing \$900 into their own personal bank account;
- Accessing one online account using the personal identification and credit card of another individual and withdrawing \$200 into their own personal bank account;
- Creating six separate online accounts using the personal identification and credit cards of other individuals and withdrawing \$450 into their own personal bank account;
- Creating 14 separate online accounts using the personal identification and credit cards of other individuals and withdrawing \$8,595 into their own personal bank account;
- Creating three separate online accounts using the personal identification and credit cards of other individuals and withdrawing \$600 into their own personal bank account; and,
- Illegally requesting and receiving chargebacks to a credit card totaling \$684 and creating other online accounts using the personal identification of other individuals.

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 bring to 30 the total number of individuals who are currently on the iGaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

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 \$2.35 billion in tax revenue in 2023.

Additional information about both the PGCB's gaming regulatory efforts and Pennsylvania's gaming industry can be found at <a href="mailto:qamingcontrolboard.pa.gov">qamingcontrolboard.pa.gov</a>.

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