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PA Gaming Control Board Removes Gambling Privileges for 15 Individuals

HARRISBURG, PA: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (“PGCB”) today took actions to place 16 individuals on its various Involuntary Exclusion Lists. Placement on an Involuntary Exclusion List prohibits individuals from either gaming in a casino in Pennsylvania, via an online betting site regulated by the Board, or a Video Gaming Terminal (“VGT”) location.

These matters, presented by the Board’s Office of Chief Counsel and Office of Enforcement Counsel, raise the number of individuals now on the Board’s various Involuntary Exclusion Lists to 1,405.

The actions by the Board today include placement of 9 individuals on the Involuntary Casino Exclusion List, including 3 adults who left minors unattended while gambling in a Pennsylvania casino:

- A male patron who left his 3-year-old child in a vehicle in the parking lot of Rivers Philadelphia Casino for 4 minutes in order to gamble at a sports wagering kiosk; and,
- A male and a female patron who together left a 5-year-old child in a non-running vehicle for 50 minutes in the parking lot of Parx Casino when the outside temperature was 19-degrees while they gambled at table games.

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 complement the efforts by casinos to mitigate this issue, the Board created an awareness campaign, “Don’t Gamble with Kids”.

Additionally, 6 others were placed on the Board’s Involuntary Interactive Gaming Exclusion list for fraudulent actions involving online gambling.

The Gaming Control Board is scheduled to meet next at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 in the Board’s Public Hearing Room located on the second floor of the Strawberry Square Complex in Harrisburg. More information, including the agenda, will be posted on the Board’s website prior to the 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 \$2.67 billion in tax revenue and fees in 2024.

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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