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Missouri Gaming Commission Adds Four to Exclusion List

Jefferson City, Missouri, April 25th, 2012- The Missouri Gaming Commission is adding four persons to its Exclusion List. The Exclusion List is reserved for those individuals involved in crimes with a gambling nexus.

MGC Chairman Jim Mathewson says "With the search for a candidate for the 13th riverboat gaming casino license, the MGC had to prioritize which matters would come before the Commission. We are now able to get our Exclusion List up-to-date. We have several compelling cases before us where additions to the Exclusion List are necessary. We anticipate the addition of at least four persons at each Missouri Gaming Commission meeting for the next several months."

In a unanimous vote Commissioners added Ralph M. Sides of Jacksonville, Illinois. Sides was convicted of assault in the 2nd degree for an incident which occurred on the gaming floor of Harrah's St.Louis in May of 2008.

Gary Kaplan of St.Louis, Missouri was convicted of one count of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) Conspiracy, one count of Use of Wire Communication Facility to Transmit Bets and

Betting Information, and one count of Conspiracy to Violate the Wire Wager Act. Kaplan was sentenced to prison, and was ordered to forfeit nearly 44 thousand dollars.

Christopher Seemayer of Fenton, Missouri has been placed on the Exclusion list after being convicted in October of 2011 of two counts of Theft from a Local Government That Receives Federal Funds, for the embezzlement of almost 30,000 dollars of municipality funds, with cash advances made from a city credit card at Casino Queen in Illinois during his employment as Brentwood, Missouri, City Administrator.

Elizabeth Lovelace of Jefferson City, Missouri has been placed on the Exclusion List after falsely identifying herself as a Missouri Gaming Commission employee. Ms. Lovelace falsely presented that she was employed with the MGC as a "clerk 1" to electronic gaming device manufacturer International Game Technology (IGT). IGT operates secure portions of a website which are intended for industry customers and/or employees- those in the gaming industry who work directly with IGT. Lovelace's attempt to gain access by posing as an MGC employee constitutes a crime involving gambling and adversely affects public confidence and trust in gaming.

Those who are approved by the Missouri Gaming Commission to be added to the Exclusion List have thirty days to request a hearing on the matter.

The MGC Exclusion List can be found at www.mgc.dps.mo.gov

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