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Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Search Warrants Served at Four Gambling Facilities in Jefferson County

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that search warrants were executed today on four gambling facilities in Jefferson County by state agents from the Attorney General’s Office, with support from agents with the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation.

The involvement of state law enforcement was necessary due to the opening of multiple facilities offering illegal electronic games and the failure of local law enforcement to enforce the law.

In conjunction with the execution of these search warrants, several persons were arrested and charged with multiple counts of promoting gambling and possession of illegal gambling devices. They cannot be named at this time.

Over the past several weeks, Attorney General Marshall and Lynneice Washington, District Attorney for the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County, attempted to curb these illegal establishments from opening or operating in Jefferson County. Cease and desist letters were issued to the facilities, as well as the municipalities that permitted them to open.

The search warrants served today culminated in the seizure of over 1,100 electronic bingo machines, records and an unspecified amount of U.S. currency from Super Highway Bingo (Brighton), Fun-N-Games Arcade (Brighton), Southwind Bingo (Midfield) and Spin It & Win It Bingo (Graysville). These machines will be held as evidence and will be subject to a forfeiture procedure filed in Jefferson County Circuit Court.

Today’s action was taken as part of an ongoing and multifaceted criminal investigation; therefore, no further details will be provided at this time.

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