

March 25, 2019

**Steve Marshall**  
Alabama Attorney General



For media inquiries only, contact:

Mike Lewis (334) 353-2199

Joy Patterson (334) 242-7491

Page 1 of 1

**Attorney General Steve Marshall Commends Walker County Sheriff and District Attorney for Enforcing Alabama's Gambling Law**

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Steve Marshall commended Walker County Sheriff Nick Smith and Walker County District Attorney Bill Adair for taking swift action to close newly-established illegal electronic bingo halls in Walker County.

"Alabama law is crystal clear," said Attorney General Marshall. "Electronic bingo and coin slot machines are illegal. No matter what the operators of these unlawful enterprises claim, the Alabama Supreme Court has definitively and repeatedly ruled that electronic bingo and coin slot machines are illegal gaming devices. There is no debate, there is no ambiguity. As the Supreme Court stated on March 31, 2016, all that is left to do is to enforce the law.

"I wish to personally commend Walker County Sheriff Nick Smith and his department, as well as Walker County District Attorney Bill Adair, for taking swift and decisive action to close illegal bingo parlors under their jurisdiction. As sworn law enforcement officers, our first duty is to enforce the law. When illegal activity is unchallenged and allowed to thrive, our state's entire legal system is undermined.

"Should local agencies in other jurisdictions fail to enforce State laws on gambling, my office will take action as needed to hold the perpetrators accountable."

--30--

