

Law enforcement seeks public's assistance in Operation Reveal the Deal - 03/18/2013

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) today announced it has established a toll free hotline for individuals who may have information about the operations and activities of the Florida gambling centers formerly operated by Allied Veterans of the World. Anyone interested in speaking with authorities about the conspiracy is encouraged to call the Gambling Task Force Hotline at 1-855-411-0760. Persons inquiring about individual gambling winnings or losses should contact Allied Veterans of the World.

To date, 53 of the 57 conspirators charged have been arrested. Investigators are seeking the public's assistance in locating four conspirators still at large:

- Gary Wayne Davis, age 68, of Hogansville, Ga.
- Diane Mays Davis, age 65, of Hogansville, Ga.
- Michael William Graham, 41, of Little River, S.C. Graham may also be in Taber City, N.C. or Murrells Inlet, S.C.
- Cary Grant Hardee, 64, formerly of Ponce Inlet, Fla. Hardee may be in Tybee Island, Ga.

The four face charges of Racketeer and Influenced Corrupt Organizations (RICO); RICO conspiracy; manufacture, sale, possession of slot machines; lottery; keeping gambling houses; and money laundering. All charges are first degree felonies. Anyone with information about their whereabouts is asked to contact SCSO at 407-665-6650.

Since last Tuesday, investigators have seized thousands of items of evidence, including more than 400 computers and servers, 1,169 boxes of paper records, and 59 vehicles and vessels. Digital forensic specialists have imaged 470 hard drives containing 160 .4 terabytes of data, the equivalent of 156 million reams of paper. Additional evidence is in the process of being logged and transported.

In addition to the 54 search warrants originally executed, six more search warrants were served at the following locations:

- The Jacksonville safety deposit box of conspirator Nelson Cuba which contained \$56,400 in cash and five million Iraqi dinars (equivalent to \$4,300 in U.S. dollars);
- The Jacksonville storage unit of Mathis and Murphy, P.A. which contained documents;
- Three safety deposit boxes in Manning, S.C. owned by conspirators Michael and Janis Ryles which contained \$212,507; and
- The Fraternal Order of Police Foundation's office building located in Jacksonville which contained documents.

In total, \$583,507 in U.S. currency has been seized. Investigators also served seizure warrants on the bank accounts of many of the conspirators, locating a total of \$100.6 million in those accounts.

To date, 57 individuals have been charged in the first phase of Operation "Reveal the Deal," a \$300 million racketeering, gambling, and money laundering scheme perpetrated through Allied Veterans of the World's illegal gambling centers which operated under the guise of "internet cafes." To read the original press release, go to: www.seminolesheriff.org then select the "Media" tab to see press and community releases.

For a copy of the charging affidavit, go to: <http://www.seminolesheriff.org/media/Login.aspx> . There are two files available for download: the affidavit and the related items. User name is `scsomed` and password is `m3diaUser1`