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### **Arizona Department of Gaming Special Agents Serve Warrant at Marana Bar** *Illegal Gaming Devices, Records & Cash Seized*

PHOENIX – Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG) special agents, with support from Arizona Department of Liquor special agents and Pima County Sheriff's Department deputies, served its first illegal gambling-related warrant of 2018, yesterday morning to a Marana business, The Water Hole, located at 16540 W. Avra Valley Road in Pima County. During execution of the warrant, ADG special agents seized illegal gaming evidence including seven computerized slot machines, associated records of operation, and, a small sum of cash.

While no arrests were made, four people suspected of operating the illegal gaming machines could face charges ranging from promoting and benefiting from gambling, to possession of illegal gambling devices. ADG will file charges – ranging from a class 1 misdemeanor to a class 5 felony – through the Pima County Attorney's Office.

During the three-month long undercover investigation, ADG agents observed the business operating illegal sweepstakes slot machines, which constitutes illegal gambling by the business and its paying customers.

ADG takes complaints about illegal gambling businesses very seriously. If you have a tip concerning a suspected illegal gambling operation anywhere in Arizona, please contact the Arizona Department of Gaming at (602) 771-4263.

ADG's ongoing collaboration with state and local law enforcement agencies and other partners has helped shut down dozens of illegal gambling businesses in Arizona in the last few years alone. Commonly located near residential neighborhoods, these illegal establishments often attract other criminal activity when left unchecked.

#### **About ADG**

Established by the Arizona State Legislature in 1995, the Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG) is the state regulatory agency for [tribal gaming](#), [pari-mutuel racing and wagering](#), and [boxing and mixed martial arts](#). ADG also provides and supports education, prevention and treatment programs for people and families affected by problem gambling through its [Division of Problem Gambling](#).

In partnership with Arizona's tribes, ADG regulates Indian gaming under the [Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact](#). Tribes with casinos contribute one to 8 percent of their Class III gross gaming revenue to the state, cities, towns and counties. Currently, there are 24 Class III casinos in the state. Tribes send contributions to the [Arizona Benefits Fund](#) every three months.

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