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Male Patron Arrested on Suspicion of Cheating

ALBUQUERQUE – July 26, 2007 – On July 26, Gaming Control Board Enforcement Agents arrested Mr. Ricardo L. Valle, of Laveea, AZ on two counts of suspicion of attempting to cheat a gaming device and an outstanding warrant for ten counts of manipulation of a gaming device with intent to cheat and ten counts of larceny stemming from incidents occurring between the dates of April 24th and May 7th of this year. Mr. Valle was arrested at the ZIA Park Racetrack and Casino in Hobbs, New Mexico. The counts stem from Mr. Valle being observed manipulating a gaming device in a manner designed to cause a malfunction and additional payout.

Mr. Valle is being held on an \$83,000 cash only bond. Arrest was made after positive identification was made using Crime Stoppers photos and dissemination of information and after observation by Zia Park Security and Surveillance Personnel.

The New Mexico Gaming Control Board was established by statute in 1997 and funded during the 1998 legislative session. It began operations in June of 1998. The Board is responsible for regulating legalized gambling at licensed racetracks and qualified veteran's and fraternal organizations of New Mexico. The Board is also responsible for overseeing New Mexico's tribal gaming compacts through the appointment of the state gaming representative. The Board has 63 employees, which include licensing and background specialists, compliance auditors, attorneys, and certified peace officers.

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