

News Release  
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The Indiana Gaming Commission, Gaming Control Division with the assistance of the Indiana State Police served 4 search warrants on Monday night. The search warrants were the results of several illegal gambling investigations in Marion County, Hendricks County and Morgan County.

Two Indianapolis bookmaking operations were shut down and one individual was arrested for Professional Gambling class D felonies (4 counts). Arrested was James V. Payton, age 57, Camby, Indiana. Payton was incarcerated at the Morgan County Jail. Numerous documents were seized and investigators will be reviewing them for additional criminal violations and other participants.

One Indianapolis man faces criminal charges for promoting professional gambling at a near Westside illegal poker house. The investigation will be submitted to the Marion County Prosecutor for the class D felony of Promoting Professional Gambling. The poker house located at 4510 W. Washington has been the subject of complaints over the past several months. The Gaming Control Division was contacted by the W. Washington St. Crimewatch and asked for assistance early this summer.

Additionally, 13 people were charged with unlawful gambling Class B misdemeanors. They were cited and will have to appear in court at a later date. Several associated gambling related items were seized and in excess of \$11,000 cash was also confiscated.

Direct any further inquiries to Larry Rollins, Director Gaming Control Division at (317) 233-0046.