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Michigan Gaming Control Board announces sentencing of two individuals involved in Flint illegal gambling operation

DETROIT, Jan. 13, 2025 — The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) has announced the sentencing of two individuals involved in operating Cellular Bank, a Flint storefront casino previously located at 4622 North Saginaw Street.

Linus Antonio Kas-Mikha, 52, of Grand Blanc, and **Robert Jamerson**, 55, of Saginaw, were recently sentenced by Judge Elizabeth A. Kelly in the 7th Circuit Court in Genesee County, following their guilty pleas on Oct. 15, 2024, to one count of conducting a gambling operation without a license.

- **Kas-Mikha** has been sentenced to 12 months of probation and ordered to pay \$1,448 in fines, fees, and court costs.
- **Jamerson** has also received a sentence of 12 months of probation. He was granted three days of jail credit.

As part of their guilty pleas, three additional felony charges were dismissed against both defendants, including two counts of using computers to commit a crime and one count of maintaining a gambling house for profit.

“The Michigan Gaming Control Board is dedicated to upholding the integrity of gaming in our state,” said **MGCB Executive Director Henry Williams**. “The sentencing of these two defendants for their involvement in running an illegal gambling operation at Cellular Bank sends a clear message that unlicensed gambling enterprises will not be tolerated. We also want to extend our sincere thanks to the Attorney General's office, whose support and collaboration were instrumental in this investigation and prosecution, ensuring a successful outcome.”

The investigation into the illegal gambling operation began with a joint effort by the Michigan Department of Attorney General and the MGCB. In February 2024, felony gambling warrants were issued for Kas-Mikha and Jamerson after authorities discovered 11 standalone slot machines, similar to those found in commercial casinos, and 13 computers used for slot-style

games at the Cellular Bank. The business also provided patrons with cards that included PINs, allowing them to place wagers online from offsite locations, including their homes.

“This underscores the importance of protecting our community from unlawful activities that harm our neighborhoods and exploit vulnerable residents,” said **Flint Mayor Sheldon Neeley**. “Flint is committed to supporting efforts that uphold the rule of law and safeguard the well-being of our citizens. I commend the Michigan Gaming Control Board and the Attorney General’s Office for their diligent work in ensuring justice is served.”

The MGCB encourages the public to report alleged illegal gambling by contacting the agency at 1-888-314-2682 or sending a message to MIGamblingTip@michigan.gov.

*Gambling in any form is for entertainment purposes only. If you or someone you know may have a gambling problem, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at **1-800-GAMBLER**, text 800GAM, or visit www.1800gamblerchat.org. Help is available 24/7 and is free and confidential. Michigan citizens can also visit the [Responsible Gaming page of the MGCB website](#) for information on self-exclusion programs including the Disassociated Persons List and the Internet Gaming and Sports Betting Responsible Gaming Database, and DontRegretTheBet.org for additional tools to game responsibly.*

The Michigan Gaming Control Board shall ensure the conduct of fair and honest gaming to protect the interests of the citizens of the state of Michigan. Learn more at Michigan.gov/MGCB.