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MGCB Issues Cease-and-Desist Orders to Six Illegal Gambling Sites Targeting Michigan Players

DETROIT, July 30, 2025 — The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) has issued cease-and-desist letters to six unlicensed online gambling platforms attempting to target Michigan residents without state authorization. The action underscores the MGCB’s relentless, ongoing efforts to shut down illegal gambling operations and protect Michigan consumers from financial risk, identity theft, and unfair play.

The targeted sites—Crypto Slots, NitroBetting, NewVegas, Las Vegas USA Casino, Grand Rush Casino, and Slotgard Casino—were found to be operating in violation of Michigan laws that require licensure for internet gaming and sports betting.

“These sites were attempting to exploit Michigan players while operating outside the law,” said **Henry Williams, MGCB Executive Director**. “We take this seriously. When unauthorized operators offer games without regulation, Michigan players are left exposed—and we will not tolerate it.”

Details of the Action

The six platforms named in this enforcement round were each sent formal cease-and-desist letters, ordering them to immediately halt operations involving Michigan users. The violations fall under multiple state laws, including the Lawful Internet Gaming Act, the Lawful Sports Betting Act, and provisions of the Michigan Penal Code.

Failure to comply within 14 days could result in additional legal action, including enforcement in coordination with the Michigan Department of Attorney General.

Illicit Activity, Real Risks

Each of the six named operators provided access to casino-style games and/or sports betting features without proper licensure or regulatory oversight. Michigan residents who use these sites risk:

- Winning money with no guarantee of payout
- Playing games that may be unfair or rigged
- Having no legal protection in cases of fraud, data theft, or account disputes

“Unlike Michigan’s licensed operators, these sites offer no consumer safeguards,” Williams said. “They’re not held accountable to anyone, and that puts players in a dangerous position.”

Ongoing Enforcement Strategy

This enforcement action is part of the MGCB’s larger crackdown on illegal online gambling platforms. In recent months, the agency has issued numerous cease-and-desist letters, with additional investigations currently underway.

The MGCB continues to monitor online gaming activity and urges the public to be cautious when engaging with gambling content on social media or through digital advertisements.

How to Protect Yourself

Players should verify that a gaming site is licensed by visiting Michigan.gov/MGCB and reviewing the list of authorized operators.

Suspect an illegal gambling site? Report it:

- Call: 1-888-314-2682
- Email: 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.