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Alleged criminal acts lead to ban from entering Pennsylvania casinos

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 6, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board today placed three individuals on its involuntary Casino Exclusion List, an action that prohibits these individuals from entering or patronizing any casino in the Commonwealth.

With the additions, 10 individuals are now on the Exclusion List.

Under the Gaming Act, the Board can place individuals on the Exclusion List if they are career or professional offenders or whose presence in a licensed facility would, in the opinion of the Board, be inimical to the interests of the Commonwealth, of licensed gaming, or both. The list is posted on the Board's web site, www.pgcb.state.pa, under the "Gaming" tab.

The Board only considers that an individual be placed on the list after a full and fair hearing process initiated by the PGCB's Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement and its Office of Enforcement Counsel. The individual is afforded an opportunity to answer a petition and receive a hearing. In the case of the three placed on the Exclusion List today, each chose not to respond or request a hearing, and a default judgment was entered:

- Claudie K. Kenion III of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania was arrested on July 14, 2010, at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course for placing additional wagers at a blackjack table after the first card of the round was dealt, often referred to as "capping bets."

- Fajiao Sun of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was arrested for leaving his 10-year-old daughter unattended at the self-park entrance to

Parx Casino

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, and playing virtual blackjack for approximately 45 minutes.

- Xin Lin of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was criminally charged for leaving his five-year-old son and six-year-old son unattended at the self-park entrance to

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The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at the PUC Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1 in

Harrisburg

. The meeting will begin at

10:00 a.m.

An agenda for that meeting will be posted on the Board's web site,

www.pgcb.state.pa.us

, prior to the meeting.

About the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board was established in 2004 with the passage of Act 71, also known as the Race Horse Development and Gaming Act. Pennsylvania's first new state agency in nearly 40 years, the Gaming Control Board is tasked to oversee all aspects of the state's casino industry. To date, with ten casinos in operation, legalized gaming in the Commonwealth has created, or helped race track facilities retain, nearly 14,000 living wage jobs, provided property tax reduction in each of the past three years for all homeowners, produced revenue that has reinvigorated Pennsylvania's horse racing industry, and provided a new stream of tax revenue to local governments that has funded scores of community projects. A wealth of information about the Gaming Control Board and

Pennsylvania

's gaming industry can be found at

www.pgcb.state.pa.us

. At this web site, visitors can view videos of Board meetings and on the operation of the PGCB, obtain information on identifying a gambling problem and gaining assistance, look up future meeting schedules and past meeting transcripts, access an interactive map of casino locations, request a speaker for their group, along with much more information.

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