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Corsicana Police Execute Search Warrants in Gambling Investigation

At approximately 9:00am on Friday, August 17, 2012, approximately 20 officers, detectives, and supervisors of the Corsicana Police Department, assisted by several law enforcement officers, detectives, and supervisors, with the Navarro County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Safety, executed a dozen search warrants simultaneously at Corsicana convenience stores as part of a thirteen (13) month-long investigation to address illegal gambling at the stores. The investigation was led by Sgt. Mark Nanny and he was assisted by the Texas Attorney General's Office (please contact the Attorney General's Office to review their press release) and the Navarro County District Attorney's Office.

The search warrants resulted in nearly 70 gambling machines being confiscated, which included their computers and video screens, as well as over sixty thousand (\$60,000) dollars that were linked to the gambling activities. The police department will discuss with the Navarro County District Attorney's Office the process of having the currency forfeited to the police department. All the machines confiscated were "Donate Zones" and are considered an illegal gambling device, where the person gambling would make currency transactions, including winnings, directly with the employees of the various stores that operated them. The stores in Corsicana would then forward a share of that money to HEST Technologies, Inc. in Haltom City, where the gambling network was overseen and where the Attorney General's Office arrested several corporate leaders today.

There were not any arrests made this date in Corsicana, however the investigation is continuing, which may result in local arrest warrants being issued in the future.

Search warrants were executed at the following locations:

1900 N. Beaton, MQ Food Mart
1626 W. 7th Avenue, Corsicana Mini Mart #2
2500 W. 7th Avenue, Corsicana Mini Mart #1
2890 W. 2nd Avenue, Quick Mart
2821 W. 7th Avenue, Jiffy Mart
601 N. Beaton, Speedy Mart
801 S. 7th Street, Friendly Store
816 S. 7th Street, M&W Express
1010 S. 7th Street, Big Deli
2050 E. Hwy. 31, King Mart
941 W. 7th Avenue, Times Market #501
1921 N. 45th Street, Tiger's Den

If anyone has any additional information regarding suspected illegal gambling machines and activity in Corsicana, citizens are urged to contact Sgt. Mark Nanny at 903-654-4911.

Chief Bratton note that in the past year the police department had received many complaints and phone calls of concern from citizens concerning the illegal gambling devices and those calls and concerns helped lead to today's search warrants being executed. Chief Bratton credits those citizens with the information that was provided by them.