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SITKO GUILTY OF GAMBLING VIOLATIONS

(Scottsdale) – On June 5, Brian Sitko was found guilty of benefiting from gambling and possession of gambling devices in Scottsdale City Court. The convictions stemmed from a joint investigation by the Arizona Department of Gaming and the Scottsdale Police Department into “Deal Me In,” an illegal poker room that had been established at 7607 E. McDowell Road.

“I want to thank the Scottsdale Police Department and the Scottsdale City Prosecutor for their cooperation in this investigation,” said Mark Brnovich, Director of the Arizona Department of Gaming. “Protecting our neighborhoods and communities from this criminal behavior is a priority for this office and illegal gambling operations will not be tolerated.”

Sitko was a card dealer at “Deal Me In,” and is one of six people charged during the course of the investigation, including club owner Marc Adreani whose trial is scheduled for September 2009. Brian Sitko was identified as having a current state gaming employee certification and was employed at Casino Arizona at the time of his arrest but criminal convictions can prevent people from pursuing careers in legal gaming operations. Sitko was sentenced to probation and a fine.

For more information or to request an interview with Director Brnovich, contact Rick Medina, Policy and Communications Manager of the Arizona Department of Gaming at (602) 604-1801, ext. 206.

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