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On 7-21-2020 at approximately 9:30 AM, The Tombstone Marshal's Office assisted the Arizona Department of Gaming and the Arizona Department of Liquor in the execution of a search warrant at the Oriental Saloon located at 500 E. Allen Street.

The search warrant was based off an investigation into illegal "Bingo" machines that had been placed into operation at the Oriental Saloon in late May, 2020. Apparently, there were over a dozen locations throughout the state that either had the illegal gambling machines in their establishment or housed the business operations of the illegal enterprise.

Upon execution of the search warrant, all of the gambling machines were seized along with corroborating documents.

I want to point out that this was NOT a Tombstone Marshal's Department investigation and they only assisted in the State Agency.

At the same time, Arizona Department of Liquor, acting on several citizen complaints, contacted all of the bars that were open, to include Big Nose Kates, Crystal Palace and Johnny Ringo's informing the license holder that they must cease operations immediately, however, could remain open for curbside and pick up orders only. Each of the three bars contacted by AZ Liquor chose to close their doors and await the Governors executive decision scheduled for July 27, 2020.

This most recent directive only affects those businesses with a series 6 or 7 liquor license and does not affect any other license series.

Sincerely,

Dustin Escapule
Mayor