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OPERATOR OF WEST CARROLLTON CLUB CHARGED WITH OPERATING ILLEGAL GAMBLING BUSINESS, COMMITTING TAX CRIMES

DAYTON – A federal grand jury here has indicted Stanley W. Combs III, age 42, of Brookville, Ohio, charging him with one count of operating an illegal gambling business and four counts of making false statements on his federal income tax returns.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Jose A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, and West Carrollton Police Chief Rick Barnhart announced the indictment returned late yesterday.

The indictment alleges that Combs owned and operated a gambling business that conducted poker tournaments for profit and as a substantial source of income and livelihood from January 2004 until March 2008.

The indictment also charges him with four counts of making false statements on income tax returns for 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. The indictment alleges that he substantially under-reported the income he received as the owner and operator of Fraternal Order of Orioles, Nest 293 located at 842 Watertower Lane, West Carrollton, Ohio and a related entity located at 10955 Lower Valley Pike, Medway, Ohio.

The maximum punishment for operating an illegal gambling business is five years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000 and three years of supervised release. The maximum penalty for making false statement on income tax returns is three years imprisonment, a fine of \$100,000 and one year of supervised release.

Combs will be summoned to appear by U.S. District Judge Michael Barrett who will preside over the case.

Stewart commended the cooperative investigation conducted by West Carrollton police officers and IRS agents, with assistance provided by the police departments in Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Germantown, Centerville, Springboro, Clay Township, German Township, Perry Township, Clark County Sheriff Gene Kelley's Office and guidance from the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission. Stewart also commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Dwight Keller, who is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an accusation. A defendant should be presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in court.

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