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AS STATION MANAGER, I CAN CERTIFY THAT SMASH HIT MEDIA, INC. WIQI 95.9 CLASSIC ROCK RUNS DAILY NEWSCASTS AT 6:30 A.M., 7:30 A.M. 12:30 P.M. & 5:30 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY AND AIRS DAILY PSAS FROM AD COUNCIL AROUND THE CLOCK. ATTACHED IS A LIST OF ISSUES FROM NEWSCASTS AND LIVE INTERVIEWS FOR DIFFERENT EVENTS AND ISSUES AROUND THE COMMUNITY.

I CAN ATTEST THAT NEWSCAST AND PSAS RUN DAILY AND ISSUES ARE COVERED MONTHLY.

JAMIE LEE BAKKEN, GENERAL MANAGER

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## 4<sup>th</sup> quarter issues/news-WIQI RADIO 2023

### 1. Illinois Gaming Board Approves Three Casino Licenses at October Meeting-

The Illinois Gaming Board (the "IGB" or "Board") licensed new casinos in Danville, Carterville and Chicago and renewed the existing license for the Argosy Casino Alton during today's October meeting. At the meeting, the IGB issued new casino owners' licenses to Danville Development, LLC d/b/a Golden Nugget Danville, Walker's Bluff Casino Resort, LLC d/b/a Walker's Bluff Casino Resort and Bally's Chicago Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Bally's Chicago. Before the Board voted on licensure, representatives from each of the casinos addressed the Board about their suitability for licensure, providing highlights of their respective operations since opening and sharing their future plans. In addition to licensing Bally's Chicago, the Board also approved a request from Bally's Chicago under Rule 3000.540(d) to operate its temporary casino at Medinah Temple for an additional 12 months, for a total of 36 months, while its permanent facility is constructed in Chicago. With today's licensing actions, the IGB has opened and licensed five new casinos since November of 2021 in Rockford, Waukegan, Danville, Carterville, and Chicago in addition to its other regulatory and law enforcement work," said IGB Administrator Marcus D. Fruchter. "During this period of unprecedented growth and expansion, the staff and Board Members of the IGB remained steadfast in our commitment to ensuring the ethics, compliance, integrity, safety, and transparency of Illinois gaming and we will continue to do so." The Board also renewed a four-year license for the Alton Casino LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton following a license renewal hearing. During the meeting, Administrator Fruchter announced that on October 17, 2023, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) adopted proposed Video Gaming Rule 1800.1750, which the Board adopted at the April 27, 2023 meeting. The new rule requires the posting of responsible gaming signage in all licensed video gaming locations in Illinois, which is consistent with the responsible gaming signage required at casinos and sportsbooks statewide. Administrator Fruchter thanked JCAR for adopting the rule and assisting the IGB's ongoing efforts to support responsible gaming. The final text of the adopted rule and approved signage text will be posted on the IGB's website. In addition, the IGB announced the completion of a study it previously commissioned on undue economic concentration in the video gaming industry. The purpose of the study was to review, analyze, and develop an



approach for measuring undue economic concentration in video gaming under Section 25(i) of the Video Gaming Act and Video Gaming Rule 440. Christiansen Capital Advisors completed the study, which will be made available on the IGB's website. The IGB will use the study's findings and recommendations to advance its regulatory work to preserve an innovative, competitive, and robust market in Illinois. "Complex and important issues surrounding undue economic concentration have been largely unresolved since passage of the Video Gaming Act in 2009, and this study is an important step for the IGB's work in this space," said IGB Administrator Fruchter. At the meeting, the Board's actions included:

For video gaming, the IGB approved licenses for: 92 video gaming locations, 18 terminal handlers, Two new terminal operators The IGB denied licenses for: Six video gaming locations For casinos, the IGB approved: Four owners' licenses, 51 key persons. The IGB will conduct its next scheduled regular meeting on December 7, 2023. Illinois is home to 15 casinos, 11 licensed sportsbooks, and a network of more than 8,400 licensed video gaming establishments.

2. Danville man jailed for 20 years, proof the "Safety Act" in Illinois won't work

On October 17, 2023, Brandon Pluskis, formerly of Danville, Illinois, was sentenced by Judge Charles Hall in multiple cases to a total of 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Following his incarceration, Pluskis will serve 18 months of mandatory supervised release.

In Vermilion County case number 2020-CF-730, Brandon Pluskis plead guilty to Methamphetamine Possession, a Class 2 Felony. The Court heard evidence that in this case, Danville Police Department responded to a call of a man with a knife. The responding officer made contact with Pluskis. Upon a search of his person, Pluskis was found to be in possession of over 5 grams of methamphetamine. Pluskis was sentenced to 4 years Illinois Department of Corrections for this offense.

While on bond in 2020-CF-730, Brandon Pluskis was arrested and charged in 2021-CF-159, Possession of Firearm Without FOID Card, a Class 3 Felony. The Court heard evidence that on March 29, 2021, police responded to speak with the victim who stated Pluskis had made multiple threats to shoot the victim, banging on the door of the victim's residence and then sending threats to the victim via text message. When the Danville Police Department located and interviewed Pluskis, he was searched and on his person police found a loaded .38 revolver. Pluskis was ineligible for a Firearm Owner's Identification. In this case, Pluskis plead guilty and was sentenced to 4 years Illinois Department of Corrections.

In August of 2022, while on bond, Pluskis was arrested and charged with Aggravated Battery With Firearm, a Class X Felony. In this case, the Court heard evidence that Pluskis was walking with an uninvolved third party when the victim rode by on his bicycle. Pluskis announced he was going to shoot the victim and then did so as the victim rode down the block. Pluskis fled the scene and the gun was not recovered. The victim was struck and fell off his bike, then walked for help. The police soon arrived and the victim was taken for medical treatment. Many witnesses identified Brandon Pluskis as the shooter and he was apprehended by the Danville Police Department shortly thereafter. Pluskis plead guilty to this offense and was sentenced to 12 years Illinois Department of Corrections, to be served at 85%.

The sentences, ordered by the Honorable Charles Hall, will be served consecutively for a total of 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy thanked the Danville Police Department for their work in these cases. She added, "Repeat offenders will be held accountable by my office. There are inherent risks to public safety when violent offenders are not held in jail until their case is resolved."

3. Vermilion County State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy says, "Repeat offenders will be held accountable for their actions."