



DICKINSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

4000 LIGGIO STREET
DICKINSON, TEXAS 77539

(281) 337 4700

PRESS RELEASE

Date of Incident: February 1st, 2006

Location of Incident: City of Dickinson

Nature of Incident: Gambling Establishment Enforcement

Contact Officer: Lt. A. Moreno

Phone Number: 281 337 6309

Investigators from the Dickinson Police Department Vice/Narcotic Unit, assisted by the Galveston County Precinct 8 Constable's Office, and City Fire Marshal, began to enforce businesses suspected of promoting gambling and keeping gambling devices. Investigators went to several locations in the city and checked numerous 8-Liner machines, video poker machines, and slot machines used for gambling. During the operation the City Fire Marshal, Chad Leveritt noted several safety violations, city ordinance violations and state violations for gaming devices and fire code violations. As the Fire Marshal was conducting his inspections Investigators documented patrons playing the machines after evidence of gambling was observed. Investigators located 157 machines suspected of being gambling devices and identified 38 people playing the gambling devices. The Manager of one of the establishments was arrested for outstanding municipal warrants. Department of Homeland Security assisted with the operation and located two individuals with questionable resident status. One of the businesses investigators attempted to inspect was found to be temporarily closed. Managers and Owners were given written notice of the violations of city and state laws and were put on notice that continued violations would result in arrest and seizure of property. The investigation is ongoing and future inspections are planned.