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PRESS RELEASE GAMBLING ARREST

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Chief Ellis C. Richardson and the City of Hudson Police Department are reporting the arrest of a Saugerties woman for Gambling related charges after a two month investigation by the New York State Racing and Wagering Board and Hudson Police Detectives. Also assisting in this investigation was the Hudson American Legion Post.

Arrested on Friday July 31 at about 6:45 p.m. was Gail L. Mayr, age 49, from Saugerties, New York. She was arrested at the American Legion Bingo Hall in Hudson where Gambling Records and Evidence was secured. She was later released on appearance tickets to appear in Hudson City Court.

Mayr is being charged with two counts each of Promoting Gambling in the 2nd Degree and Possession of Gambling Records in the 2nd Degree. Both charges are Class A Misdemeanor's.

Charges stem from two separate incidents which occurred on July 12 and July 24, 2009. Mayr knowingly profited from unlawful and illegal gambling activity by accepting line bets from other players during an authorized and legal Bingo game. In doing so, she did receive compensation for taking/booking said bets.

New York State Racing and Wagering Board Chairman John D. Sabini praised the Hudson Police officers who conducted the investigation that led to the arrest.

“As regulators of the charitable gaming conducted throughout New York, one of our key objectives is to maximize the proceeds that the charities derive from licensed bingo and authorized games of chance,” said Chairman Sabini. “We stand poised to expose any scheme to divert gaming funds from the intended beneficiaries. This Board has no tolerance for those who seek to personally benefit off the backs of charitable organizations. I applaud the City of Hudson Police Department for commencing a thorough investigation once the Board's charitable gaming agents referred this matter to their officers. I also wish to thank Hudson American Legion Post No. 184 for its assistance in this important investigation.”

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