# DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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# GAMING ENFORCEMENT MAKES ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH AN ILLEGAL SPORTSBOOK PAYOUT

# **Suspects and Charge Information**

Charles Ross, 54

- Structuring
  - Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Falsify Business records
  - Criminal Impersonation
  - Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Jennifer Maldanado, 42

- Structuring
- Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Falsify Business records
- Criminal Impersonation
- Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### John Miller, 34

- Structuring
- Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Falsify Business records
- Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Jamie Sammartino, 26

- Structuring
- Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Falsify Business records
- Criminal Impersonation
- Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Mark Minchak, 37

- Structuring
- Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Falsify Business records
- Criminal Impersonation
- Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Theft

#### Joseph Cirpriano, 34

- Structuring
- Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Falsify Business records
- Criminal Impersonation

#### Darlene Johnson, 60

- Structuring
- Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Falsify Business records
- Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup>

# **Graham Mooney**, 33

- Structuring
- Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Falsify Business records
- Criminal Impersonation
- Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Date of Arrest:** February 3, 2016

The Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security Division of Gaming Enforcement made several arrests in connection with an illegal sportsbook payout at a Wilmington restaurant.

As a result of an on-going investigation, Delaware State Police detectives' assigned to the Division of Gaming Enforcement identified a group of individuals accused of working together to structure winning cash payouts of football parlay tickets to evade cash transaction reports. On February 3, 2016, Charles Ross, owner of The Reef Restaurant, as well as various Reef employees and a Delaware Park cashier were arrested for structuring large cash winnings. Structuring cash transactions to evade reporting requirements is a violation of Delaware's money laundering statute.

Delaware Park Casino and Delaware State Lottery assisted with the investigation.

If you have received less than 100 percent of the value of your winning football parlay ticket when cashing out at The Reef, please contact DSP Detective David Hanich at 302-5868 or Detective Philip Jackson 302-526-5854.







(Owner of The Reef)	(Employee of The Reef)	(Employee of The Reef)
Wilmington, DE	Wilmington, DE	Claymont, DE
Charles Ross 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Graham R. Mooney	John T. Miller







Joseph Cipriano	Mark Minchak	Darleen Johnson
Wilmington, DE	Aston, PA	Wilmington, DE
(Employee of The Reef)	(Employee of The Reef)	DE Park employee



Jaime Sammartino WMNH (NFD)

No Photo Available

Jennifer L. Maldonado

Wilmington, DE