

195,958
serious crimes a year

282 homicides

19,101 violent crimes

176,497
property crimes

Almost all crimes take place in the communities where the victims live, work or go to school.

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GAMBLING CAFÉ OPERATORS “BUSTED” BY ATTORNEY GENERAL AT IT AGAIN

Some of the same individuals who were the subjects of an investigation into an internet gambling café announced by Alabama Attorney General Troy King are the subjects of a new investigation launched Saturday night by Mobile City Police and the Mobile County District Attorney’s Office.

Mobile police, assisted by Mobile County district attorney personnel, raided a café at 4126 overnment Boulevard in the western part of the city Saturday night. They found about 50 people in the establishment and gambling equipment including gambling devices networked to a server in Texas and more than \$37,000 in cash. Internet gambling is illegal in Alabama.

“It looks like some of the people behind this operation may be the same ones the Attorney General said he was investigating a few months ago,” reported Mobile County District Attorney John Tyson, Jr. “Apparently nothing was done following King’s announcement...not even steps taken to file a forfeiture lawsuit which would have condemned the money and the gambling machines and likely put these people out of business. You can bet the follow up will be done this time.”

Tyson said investigation was initiated when a complaint was received by the police department. Police officers, assisted by district attorney investigators, raided the café about 7 PM Saturday night.

“This was a significant gambling operation,” Tyson said. “There were about 50 people in the café. The operators were taking about \$50,000 a week from patrons. The money was being moved as cash from Alabama to another state in bags.”

Tyson said an investigation is underway and will result in arrests and prosecutions. He noted that he felt the individuals operating the internet gambling café would not have been operating it if the attorney general had followed through on the investigation he announced several months ago.

Tyson said forfeiture actions will be filed Tuesday.