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I had been looking for Piper.. Have been tied up in meetings most the day. We did get info. Forwarded below.

From: David Fernandez [mailto:DFernandez@scag.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 10:54 AM
To: Taylor, Richele
Cc: Heather Weiss; Adam Piper; Bob Cook
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Ms. Taylor,

I am the attorney who handled the prosecution of Mr. Washington. Adam Piper has asked that I provide you some additional details on this case.

Mr. Washington was a member of a gambling ring in Dillon County that SLED investigated in 2014. Local law enforcement requested SLED's assistance due to the fact that Mr. Washington was a sitting member of city council and to avoid any perception of conflicts of interest.

Mr. Washington is a manager of a small pool hall where people would gather to gamble, and his role was to sell tickets from a tip board for various lotteries or pools. Each lottery was associated with a different sporting event (Football, baseball, basketball, etc.), and tickets ranged in cost from 50 cents to \$100. SLED conducted several undercover purchases from Mr. Washington, utilizing confidential informants, for tickets in the amounts of \$2, \$5 and \$10. These tickets would pay out to the winner and Mr. Washington would keep a percentage of the winnings.

Mr. Washington was scheduled for trial Tuesday, September 6, 2016, in Dillon County. Mr. Washington elected to plead guilty to two of the three charges he was indicted for prior to trial. Each charge he was indicted for carries a possible prison sentence of 6 months. He received a one year probation sentence as part of his plea deal, with costs and assessments to be paid through the probation program.

If you would like any further information please feel free to call me. Thank you,

David



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