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Cheat Detection Demonstration - Invitation



Ever wonder what a *Bet Pinch*, *Bet Cap*, or *Card Swap* looks like?

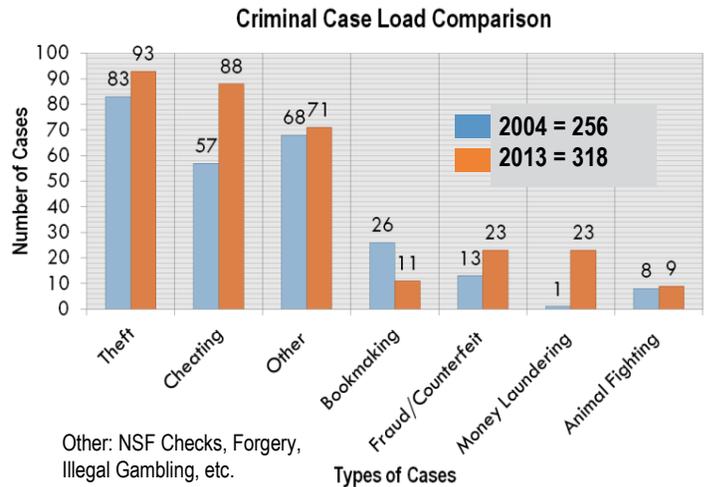
Join us this [Thursday in Seattle](#) to learn some basics on card cheating Gambling Special Agents encounter. This demonstration will briefly spotlight some of our work to stop cheating and keep gambling legal and honest. The demonstration will begin at 10:30 a.m. on July 9, 2015, at the Red Lion Seattle Airport, [click here for the meeting agenda](#).

Statistics:

The number of cheating cases Gambling Special Agents investigated increased 54%, between 2013 and 2004.

In 2013, we investigated 318 criminal cases:

- 156 were directly tied to authorized gambling.
- 104 were not directly tied to gambling, i.e. credit card fraud, bookkeeper theft.
- 58 were tied to illegal gambling.



Invitation to Reporters - Come See What We Do:

- **Ride-along** with an agent to see how we regulate gambling in the field.
- **Tour our forensics labs** in Spokane or Lacey. This is an opportunity to see state-of-the-art equipment and discuss protocols used by our forensic experts to examine a wide array of electronic and media storage devices.
- **Learn** how our criminal investigations protect the public.
- **See** how we test gaming machines for compliance in our Electronic Gambling Lab in Lacey.

About the Washington State Gambling Commission:

The Gambling Commission is a limited jurisdiction law enforcement agency and the only statewide agency devoted to gambling licensing, regulation and enforcement. Five citizens are appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to act as part-time Commissioners for a single six-year term. The Commission holds [public meetings](#) once a month to discuss administrative issues and rule changes, approve new gambling licenses, and take action regarding the revocation or suspension of gambling licenses. We are accredited by the [Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs](#).

To learn more about what we do, visit www.wsgc.wa.gov.

Mission: *Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest.*