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Illegal card games busted in East Tacoma.

Responding to complaints of illegal card games, Washington State Gambling Commission Special Agents, assisted by Tacoma Police Officers, executed a search warrant at Billiards Hall, Yakima Avenue, where a dozen people were playing illegal card games last Saturday.



Tuyen Q. Nguyen
Drivers license photo

The owner of the business, Tuyen Q. Nguyen, was arrested and booked into Pierce County Jail for:

- Professional gambling 2nd degree a Class C felony (could result in five years in prison, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both); and
- Conducting gambling without a license a Class B felony (could result in ten years in prison, a fine of up to \$20,000, or both).

The card players were interviewed and released, but could face charges of Professional gambling 3rd degree. A patron (who was playing pool) was booked into jail because he had a felony warrant in Pierce County.

Last February, gambling agents and police officers went to Billiards Hall after receiving numerous complaints of illegal card games. They found the owner and patrons playing illegal card games and asked them to stop. The owner said he understood and would stop the games. The complaints continued, prompting gambling agents and police officers to execute a search warrant on Saturday June 6, 2015, at 3:50 p.m. to stop the games.

The Gambling Commission's mission is to ensure gambling is legal and honest. In addition to licensing and regulating legal gambling, we stop illegal gambling. We respond to all complaints and often work with other law enforcement, state and federal agencies to keep gambling legal and honest. To learn more about what we do, visit www.wsgc.wa.gov.

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, approve new gambling licenses, discuss and approve proposed rule changes, and take action regarding the revocation or suspension of gambling licenses. We are accredited by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

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