

Judge's Son Arrested Over \$1.5M Armed Robbery Las Vegas Casino - MyFox Tampa Bay

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(NewsCore) - The son of a Las Vegas city judge has been arrested in connection with a \$1.5 million heist on the Bellagio casino in December.

Anthony Michael Carleo, 29, the son of Las Vegas Municipal Court Judge George Assad, was arrested late Wednesday, the Las Vegas Sun reported Thursday.

He was arrested on counts of robbery with the use of a deadly weapon, burglary with use of a deadly weapon and trafficking in a controlled substance, said law enforcement sources.

Carleo was a guest at the same hotel he is accused of robbing when he arranged to meet undercover officers to sell high-value chips taken in the heist, police officers told the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

The robbery occurred at around 3:50am local time on Dec .14 when a motorcyclist parked outside the casino's north valet before calmly walking to a craps table, pulling a gun and demanding chips, police said.

The hold-up took no more than about three minutes and the man made off with chips in denominations as high as \$25,000. This prompted Bellagio owner MGM Resorts International to discontinue the high denomination chips, effective from April this year.

A robbery at the Suncoast casino on Dec. 9. is believed to have been committed by the same suspect. In that holdup, a man wearing a full-face motorcycle helmet robbed a cashier's cage near where a poker tournament was going on and took just under \$20,000, police said.

Carleo, who filed bankruptcy in Colorado in 2009, was reportedly living at the same Las Vegas home as Assad. According to a city website, the judge had worked as a Las Vegas blackjack and craps dealer to earn money for law school.

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Police said the investigation is ongoing.

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