

Suspected Gunman in Brazen Bellagio Casino Heist Arrested - ABC News

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Las Vegas police have arrested a suspect in a [<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/bizarre-heist-las-vegas-12396178"](http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/bizarre-heist-las-vegas-12396178)

target="external">brazen casino heist, in which a man wearing a motorcycle helmet stole \$1.5 million in chips at gunpoint from a craps table at the Bellagio Hotel in December.

Anthony Carleo, 29, was arrested Wednesday night on charges of robbery, burglary and drug trafficking according to the Las Vegas Metro Police.

Police said the trafficking charge resulted from the discovery of narcotics while investigating the robbery.

Carleo, the son of Las Vegas Municipal Court Judge George Assad, according to the Las Vegas Review-Journal, was arrested after meeting with undercover officers allegedly to sell the chips stolen in the heist.

He was arrested at a room in the Bellagio, staying as a guest in the very hotel he is accused of robbing, the paper reported. Police also executed a search warrant of the judge's home.

[The Dec. 14 robbery](#) at one of the strip's most famous casinos took place at just after 5 a.m., when a suspect dressed in black and wearing a helmet covering his face parked his motorcycle outside the casino and walked straight to the craps tables while brandishing a gun.

The robbery took less than three minutes, police said, before the gunman ran out of the casino and fled on his bike.

Carleo is being held on \$15,000 bail, according to a search of the Clark County Detention Center's digital records, and will likely appear in court Friday.

Days before the Bellagio heist, a gunman wearing a motorcycle helmet and carrying a pistol

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robbed the poker room cashier at the Las Vegas Suncoast Casino, netting almost \$20,000 in chips.

Police said at the time they believed the incidents were linked but there has been no word on whether Carleo will be charged for that crime as well.

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