

8 face indictment in casino-theft probes

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From a patron who took the money and ran to a group caught using stolen credit cards to get cash, eight people were indicted this week on charges they committed theft offenses at the Hollywood Casino Toledo.

Gaming investigators with the Ohio Casino Control Commission presented the cases Thursday to a Lucas County grand jury.

Ruben Rodriguez, 29, of the 6000 block of Vistamar Road, was indicted on one count of theft after he allegedly grabbed six purple casino chips, each worth \$500, from a gaming table and ran out of the casino to the parking garage on June 22.

He drove away, but investigators identified him after he sent someone back to the casino to cash in the chips.

Also indicted were:

□ Eric Ross, Jr., 29, of Chicago for identity fraud, forgery, and theft for allegedly using a stolen debit card to get a \$2,000 cash advance at the casino on Aug. 19, 2014.

□ Ashley Hill Trimble, 25, of Las Vegas, and Valeri Epps, 33, of Hampton, Va., each charged with theft and two counts of identity fraud for using stolen credit cards Dec. 27 to obtain \$5,000 in cash from the casino. Ms. Epps also was indicted on two counts of forgery.

□ Charles Calanni, 58, of Westlake, Ohio, charged with six counts of casino cheat and two counts of attempted casino cheat for allegedly “pastposting” bets May 24. Pastposting is a form

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of cheating in which the gambler places a bet, increases his bet, or removes his bet after dice stop rolling.

□ Jalil Saad, 24, of Plymouth, Mich., on two counts of casino cheat and five counts of attempted casino cheat for allegedly “pastposting” bets Nov. 30, 2014.

□ Robert Boone, 37, of Belleville, Mich., on three counts of casino cheat for allegedly “pastposting bets” May 26, June 5, and June 15.

□ Timothy Little, 38, of the 4300 block of Hunters Trail Drive, charged with theft for allegedly taking a wallet a casino patron had dropped near a slot machine.

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