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D.A. Susan Reed Announces 8-Liner Conviction; Operators Beware!

Bexar County Criminal District Attorney, the Honorable Susan D. Reed, announced today that a jury in the 290th District Court found defendant, Richard Legere, the owner and operator of a local bar, guilty on all four counts of engaging in organized criminal activity for the illegal operation of 8-liner video slot-machines.

Legere is the owner and operator of "Poor Richard's Lounge" located in Universal City. Earlier this year, Texas Department of Public Safety undercover investigators found that Legere had illegally used the controversial 8-liner video slot-machines in his bar. This case was one of many that the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office recently sent to the Grand Jury for indictment. Many of the individuals charged in those indictments have already pled in their cases while other prosecutions will follow in the coming months. The investigation was a combined effort between the D.A.'s Office, Attorney General's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Lottery Commission, San Antonio Police Department, Bexar County Sheriff's Department, and other surrounding law enforcement agencies.

To date, the investigation has resulted in the forfeiture and seizure of more than one-hundred 8-liner gambling devices, and thousands of dollars in cash, money-orders, and gift certificates.

Visiting Judge Bill White, former Bexar County District Attorney and retired Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, presided over the case and will assess punishment against Legere on August 18th, after the Bexar County Probation Department conducts a pre-sentence investigation into the defendant's prior criminal history. Judge White told the jury that this was the first trial in this jurisdiction that involved the controversial 8-liners. This case was handled by local Assistant Criminal District Attorney, Tom Clark, and Assistant Attorney General, Bill Lewis, from Austin.

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