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Massive sports gambling ring reached IL State Univ.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Kinney insisted in a court memo Monday that Matthew Namoff, 25, deserves to spend time behind bars. . . .

“Matthew Namoff played an important role in DelGiudice’s illicit business — **as an agent, he ran DelGiudice’s bookmaking operation on a college campus, which facilitated gambling by underage students,**” Kinney wrote.

So far, a February 2020 gambling indictment **that included charges against Mettawa Mayor Casey Urlacher** has only led to prison time for one of the 10 people charged. **Read**

Chicago casino bidders given 2 more months to apply

Proposals for the mega-casino had been due Aug. 23, but interested parties now have until Oct. 29, giving groups “more time to fully assess” the opportunity and “assemble more competitive bid packages,” according to Lightfoot’s office. **Read Related**

Cubs Massive Sportsbook Addition to Wrigley Field

The Cubs may have torn down the roster recently, but they’re looking to add in a big way to other areas of the organization. . . . they have released plans for **a two-story, 22,350-foot addition to Wrigley Field** at the northwest corner of Addison and Sheffield that would house the nation’s largest individual sportsbook. The plans have been submitted to the City Council and, if approved, the team would aim to complete the construction by the end of 2022.

You may recall that the Cubs **entered into a reported \$100**

million with DraftKings last year to bring a sportsbook to Wrigley Field. That money is set to be paid in \$10 million increments over 10 years, a pittance compared to the possible revenue such a venue could take in. **Read Related**

DraftKings to buy Golden Nugget Online for \$1.56B

Golden Nugget Online CEO Tilman Fertitta owns 47% of the business, which was formed by spinning off the sports gaming and iGaming operations of the Golden Nugget. The billionaire said he will continue to hold on to the stock of the new company for at least a year after the deal closes. Fertitta will also join the DraftKings board.

The deal gives DraftKings access to Golden Nugget Online's 5 million customers, who are dependable online casino players. The gaming industry anticipates customers who bet in online casino games will be critical to its future revenue growth. Fertitta, and others, have said **iGaming customers are worth seven times the value of a sports betting customer.** **Read**

Note: *The Wall Street Journal* reported that today that **DraftKings is targeting IL as a potential state where they plan to operate online gambling in the near future.**

Bloomington - Man pleads guilty to murder, stabbed victim 72 times to steal video gambling winnings **Read**

Police Respond to Customer Spitting at Rivers Casino

Within less than seven hours, Des Plaines police responded to altercations at Rivers Casino in which the offender in each incident allegedly spit at casino security employees. **Read**

For Immediate Action

- The State Fair begins this week. Talk with your **State Representative** and **Senator** at the Fair or contact their district office to ask them to oppose Internet gambling and expansion of online Lottery.
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