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Gambling Action Alert - August 5, 2021



Chicago officials extend deadline for casino proposals

Crain's Chicago Business reported that the current Aug. 23 deadline for submissions could be extended by two months, and that move could be officially announced later this week. The primary driver for the extension is concern that only one proposal – coming from Chicago-based Rush Street Gaming and its development partner Related Midwest – may be submitted.

Such a scenario could raise suspicions, the article continued, as the daughter of Rush Street Gaming Chairman Neil Bluhm has been a prominent fundraiser and supporter for Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot. Sources told the business publication that there's likely one more unnamed company that will submit a proposal and that three other entities are considering the opportunity but would need additional time. But without knowing the (identity) of that prospect and the three new firms, it's impossible to know how real the competition is or whether a delay is just designed to provide political cover for an eventual Bluhm/Related pick," Crain's Greg Hinz wrote.

If Rush Street ends up landing the casino, Hinz reported it **would be built** on land currently being developed by Related Midwest **at the intersection of West Roosevelt Road and South Clark Street, less than a mile due west from the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, and Soldier Field.** [Read more](#)

Hawthorne only applicant for harness and thoroughbred 2022 dates in Chicago

... On June 17, the National Football League's Chicago Bears confirmed

reports that they were among the bidders for Arlington International Racecourse. Perhaps not by coincidence five days later the team announced a deal with Rivers Casino to make its digital arm, BetRivers, the team's exclusive sportsbook and casino partner.

The Daily Herald conjectured that "Revelations of the sports gambling partnership lends more fuel to long-held speculation that the team might relocate to Arlington Park. And it shows that executives from the Bears and Churchill/Rush Street (Gaming) are already talking." [Read](#)

Sweepstakes machine company owner charged in scheme to beat, extort debtor

The owner of a sweepstakes gaming-machine company has been indicted on federal charges alleging he participated in a scheme to rough up and extort a victim over repayment of a \$10,000 loan five years ago. [Read](#)

Video Gambling at IL State Fair

A total of 50 Video Gaming Terminals (VGTs) will be at the Springfield State Fairgrounds at five locations: The Grandstand, The Shed, and at air-conditioned Gaming Units at each of the Coors Light, Bud Light, and Miller tents.

J&J Gaming will also have 30 terminals at the DuQuoin State Fair at the Grandstand, and two J&J Gaming Units at the Beer Tent. Machines will be live for select hours each day, based on the liquor pouring license at each fair. ID Scanners will also be placed at the entrance of each gaming area to ensure patrons are of legal age, 21 and older. [Read](#)

Video gambling company owner awarded marijuana licenses

In addition, Jeffrey Rehberger, the chief executive of the video gambling company Lucky Lincoln Gaming and a recent dispensary permit winner, also appears to have scored a cultivation license. [Read](#)

NHL players wife said he bet on his own hockey games

San Jose Sharks forward Evander Kane emphatically denied allegations made by his wife that he gambled on his own games and intentionally tried to lose to cash in on his wagers. The NHL is investigating. [Read](#)

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