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NEWS RELEASE

Sheriffs' Office shuts down sweepstakes businesses

On 01/03/2013 Carteret County Deputies and Newport Police teamed up to check numerous business that were operating as sweepstakes café's in addition to numerous convenience stores that were operating the same type computerized machines.

Out of the thirteen businesses checked deputies found two that were not yet in compliance with today's enforcement date of the recent ban outlawing video sweepstakes.



Sheriff Asa Buck and Newport Police Chief Jeff Clark examining the video machines at the Shop & Bag

The Sweepstakes Warehouse located at the Courtesy Town Square in Newport along with H & D express located on Hwy 24 in Broad Creek were very cooperative and shut down all machines upon request.

Of the eleven remaining businesses some doors were locked with signs on the doors stating they were closed until further notice and others had the machines already turned off and unplugged. The Shop-N-Bag store on Chatham Street in Newport had their five machines shrink wrapped prior to our arrival (photo above).

Anyone who violates the new law by putting the machines back in operation may be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor for the first offense, Class H felony for the second offense, and a Class G felony for the third or subsequent offense.

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