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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Suspects Charged in Illegal Bingo Parlor Operation**

Vice and Narcotics detectives with the Union County Sheriff's Office have charged four individuals they allege are complicit in an illegal Bingo Parlor Operation in Indian Trail. The business is located at 3602 Wesley Chapel Stouts Road. The Sheriff's Office received numerous complaints about the business operating illegally, without a license, and paying out large sums of money. Investigators developed evidence of these alleged cash payouts during the one-month investigation, which concluded with the arrest of the four suspects yesterday on Felony Gambling charges.

Under North Carolina gambling laws, only "beach blanket bingo" can be offered without specific non-profit licensing through the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division. Beach blanket bingo payouts are limited by law to a maximum of ten dollars per game. Operating without the proper licensing carries a penalty of a class I felony for payouts more than fifty dollars. In this particular investigation, Detectives allege numerous payouts of several hundred dollars.

#### **Suspect Information:**



**Tracy Oxendine, Jr. (36)**  
1501 Ridge Road  
Monroe, NC



**Amy Marie Bohren (38)**  
601 Olive Branch Road  
Marshville, NC



**Shannon Bennett (31)**  
4013 Faith Church Road  
Indian Trail, NC



**Joshua Tyler Bohren (20)**  
601 Olive Branch Road  
Marshville, NC

**Charges:**

All four suspects have been charged with Felony Gambling Law Violations – Tracy Oxendine and Amy Bohren with 2 counts each, Joshua Bohren with 5 counts, and Shannon Bennett with 4 counts. All four are currently out on bond, with a first appearance court date of January 13, 2015.

Point of contact for this press release is Lieutenant David Linto at 704-283-3722.

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**Union County Sheriff's Office** at 704-283-3789

Or

**Union County Crimestoppers** at 704-283-5600

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