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### **Danville Man Pleads Guilty in Video Poker Case** ***Forfeits \$30,000 in Illegal Proceeds***

DANVILLE – The owner of Belgium Banquet Hall pleaded guilty Tuesday in Vermillion County Circuit Court to two gambling charges that resulted from a Department of Revenue raid on his business in 2005. The case was prosecuted by the office of Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan.

Harley W. Newell, 82, of Danville, forfeited \$30,000 in illegal gambling proceeds, was fined \$1,500, ordered to pay all court costs, and sentenced to serve an 18-month term of conditional discharge.

Additionally, 15 video poker machines seized in the raid by agents of the departments's Bureau of Criminal Investigations, were forfeited.

Agents developed information that payoffs were being made on video poker machines at the Belgium Banquet Hall, obtained a warrant, and entered the premises and seized the machines and illegal gambling proceeds.

Newell pleaded guilty to illegal gambling and keeping a gambling place, both misdemeanors, on Tuesday.