



michael\_lares



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2,305 posts

175K followers

1,746 following

Michael Lares-Flying "L" Ranch

Public figure

Living in peace off-grid with my beautiful family. Focused on the well being of horses in this majestic Canadian... more

exclusive.flyingranch.ca + 1

Followed by northernroughtonn, carmendennis9903 + 2 more



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 Our File No: 240187

February 16, 2024

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam:

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Yours truly,

MCQUARRIE HUMYER LLP

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RJM/bjp



michael\_lares • Follow

Flying "L" Ranching



michael\_lares This is a public announcement regarding action we are taking against individuals making ridiculous and false slanderous and defaming statements against me, my family, the ranch and others who have visited here.

We are pursuing a civil conspiracy lawsuit against several people and ask you to come forward with any evidence or observations regarding this matter.

Please refrain from contacting me or my family directly with information and send your correspondence purposely to the law firm mentioned in the post.

We and so many more need to put a stop to social media bullying and false defaming statements made against those out there. This isn't just about us.

It's been far too easy for bad people to hide behind social media inflicting damaging action on others as 99% of it goes unchallenged.

We are also working closely with Instagram with all the evidence I and many others have collected over the past few months. So thank you to all who have assisted me to this point.

Remember, just because you delete a DM message doesn't mean Instagram can't still observe it. Within that ability conspiring messages and bullying intent can be uncovered. Particularly recruiting larger accounts to defame others. All reported accounts are now being monitored by IG. Cell phone logs can be subpoenaed.



6,816 likes

February 16



Add a comment...

Post



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#flyingl ranch #flying\_l\_ranch  
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#secondchanceway

5w



melissak.123 Congrats S. 22!

5w 1 like Reply



crystal\_and\_haven Congrats!! 🙌🎉

5w 3 likes Reply



trish\_m7wbe Congratulations S. 22 🙌🎉 I hope ypu have a fantastic time on the ranch ❤️ I would have loved to enter but money is so tight right now 😞 next time 🙌



1,050 likes

July 1



Add a comment...

Post

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## Flying L Ranch LTD

Win a trip to the Ranch! Travel paid for 1 with one week all expenses paid for two at the ranch. \$25 per ticket no limits.

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## Want to find out if this raffle is legal - I suspect is in violation of gaming regulations

s. 22

Tue 7/2/2024 12:32 PM

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Good luck to everyone entering and we look forward to having you out! 🤞❤️

#flyinglranch #flying\_l\_ranch

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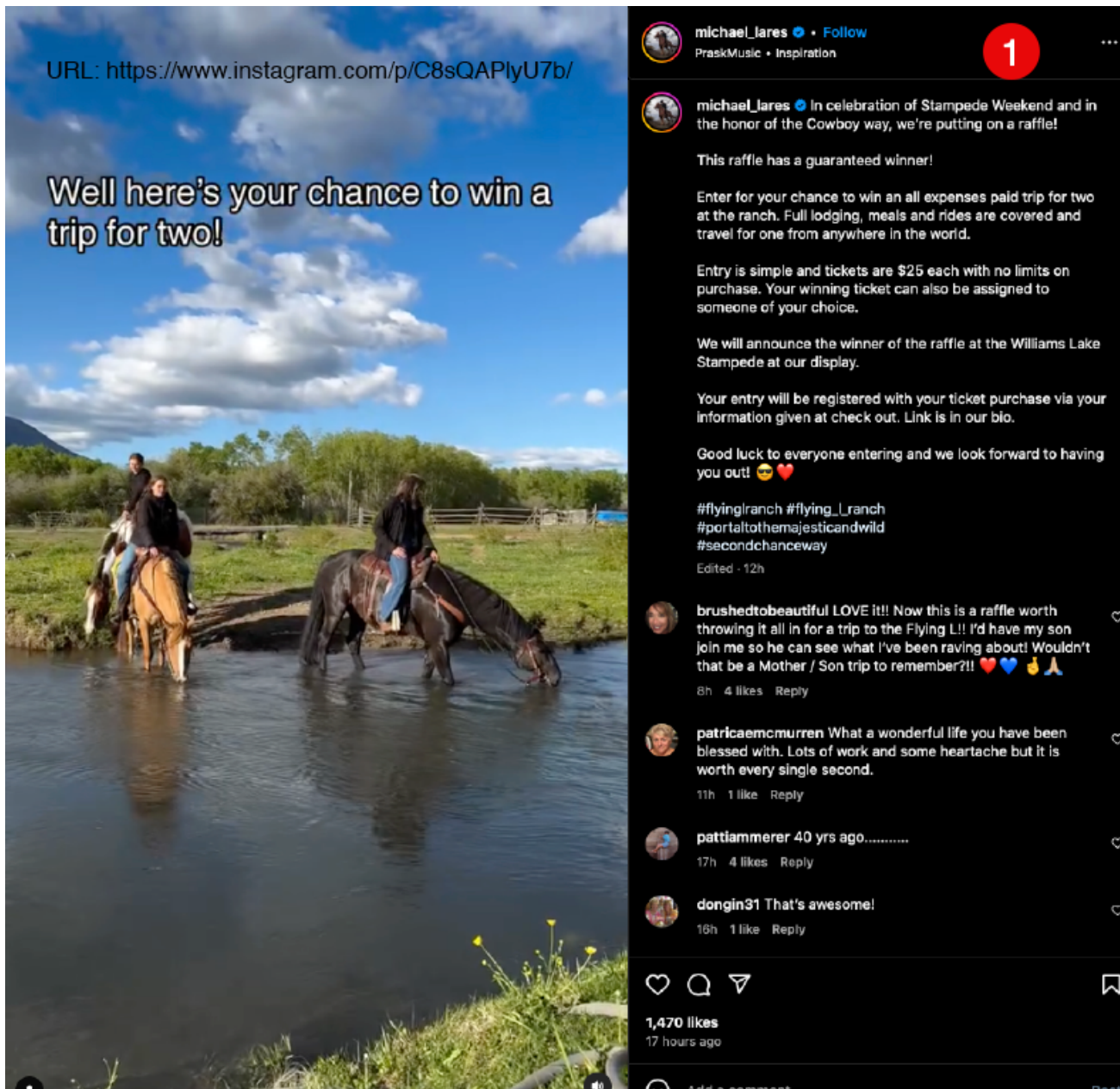
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The image shows an Instagram post from the user michael\_jares. The post features a photograph of three people riding horses through a shallow river. The text on the image reads: "Well here's your chance to win a trip for two!". The post's caption, written by michael\_jares, announces a raffle for a trip to the Flying L ranch. The raffle has a guaranteed winner and offers an all-expenses-paid trip for two, including lodging, meals, and rides. Entry is simple, with tickets at \$25 each. The winner will be announced at the Williams Lake Stampede. The post includes several hashtags: #flyinglranh, #flying\_l\_ranch, #portaltothemajesticandwild, and #secondchanceway. It has received 1,470 likes and several comments from users like brushedtobeautiful, patricaemcmurren, pattlammerer, and dongin31.

URL: <https://www.instagram.com/p/C8sQAPlyU7b/>

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**michael\_jares** • Follow  
PraskMusic • Inspiration

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Edited · 12h

**brushedtobeautiful** LOVE it!! Now this is a raffle worth throwing it all in for a trip to the Flying L!! I'd have my son join me so he can see what I've been raving about! Wouldn't that be a Mother / Son trip to remember?!! ❤️💙👉🙏

8h · 4 likes · Reply

**patricaemcmurren** What a wonderful life you have been blessed with. Lots of work and some heartache but it is worth every single second.

11h · 1 like · Reply

**pattlammerer** 40 yrs ago.....

17h · 4 likes · Reply


**dongin31** That's awesome!

16h · 1 like · Reply

1,470 likes  
17 hours ago


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**The love of horses & nature**  
We would love for you to follow our journey  
and be part of our supporting team!



Win a trip to the ranch




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Donate to  
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michael\_lares • Follow

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2h



426 likes  
2 hours ago

Log in to like or comment.

The image shows an Instagram post from the account 'michael\_lares'. The main visual is a video frame where a person is holding an orange envelope with a white label that has 's. 22' written on it. The background shows an outdoor setting with a tent and other people. The post's caption reads: 'Announcing the winner of the "Stampede win a one week all expenses paid trip to the ranch" raffle!!'. It then addresses 's. 22' as the lucky winner and provides contact information. The post includes several hashtags: #flyinglranch, #flying\_l\_ranch, #portaltothemajesticandwild, and #secondchanceway. It has 426 likes and was posted 2 hours ago. The interface shows a 'Follow' button, a notification badge with the number '6', and icons for liking, commenting, sharing, and bookmarking.

michael\_lares • Follow 6  
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— Captured Aug 1, 2024 @12:48 ET —



michael\_lares 15h  
Olexy, Lesfm · Me and You



**But even among an ominous disaster like the slide and its future impact, there is still much beauty to behold.**



Visit link >

[Win a trip for two at the ranch](#)

**So join in our raffle to win a trip for two to come see us and partake in all the wonderment!**

Reply to michael\_lares...





— Captured Aug 1, 2024 @12:48 ET —



michael\_lares 13h



Win a trip for two to come help me! I could use a hand! 🥲



Visit link >

Win a trip for two!



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**From:** [Branch\\_Gaming\\_GPEB:EX](#)  
**To:** [S. 22](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Want to find out if this raffle is legal - I suspect is in violation of gaming regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 3:19:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

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[s. 22](#)

Dear [s. 22](#)

Thank you for contacting the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB) on July 2, 2024, regarding an unlicensed raffle.

GPEB is responsible for regulating and maintaining the overall integrity of gambling in British Columbia and provides regulatory oversight of gambling conducted and managed by the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC).

There are two types of gambling legally permitted in British Columbia (BC): commercial gambling conducted and managed by BCLC, and non-commercial licensed gambling events for charitable or religious organizations or community benefit. Under [Canada's Criminal Code](#) and [British Columbia's Gaming Control Act \(the Act\)](#), a group or organization must be licensed by GPEB to operate a gaming event in BC. It is unlawful for any group or organization to conduct a gaming event in the province of BC without a license.

In BC, raffles are considered a gaming event and must be licenced by GPEB in accordance with Section 11.2 of the [Licensed Charitable Gaming Rules](#).

It appears the raffle you mentioned is not appropriately licensed. As such, we have forwarded your complaint to GPEB's Enforcement Division. Enforcement Division is responsible for investigating any conduct, activity or incident that could threaten the integrity of the gambling industry, and as such will assign an Investigator to your report. The Investigator will conduct inquiries to establish the details of the activity you have reported and if necessary, will address the matter directly with the individual(s) or organization responsible.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch  
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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**From:** [s. 22](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2024 9:32 AM  
**To:** Branch, Gaming GPEB:EX <Gaming.Branch@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Want to find out if this raffle is legal - I suspect is in violation of gaming regulations

You don't often get email from [S. 22](#) [Learn why this is important](#)

**(EXTERNAL) This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.**

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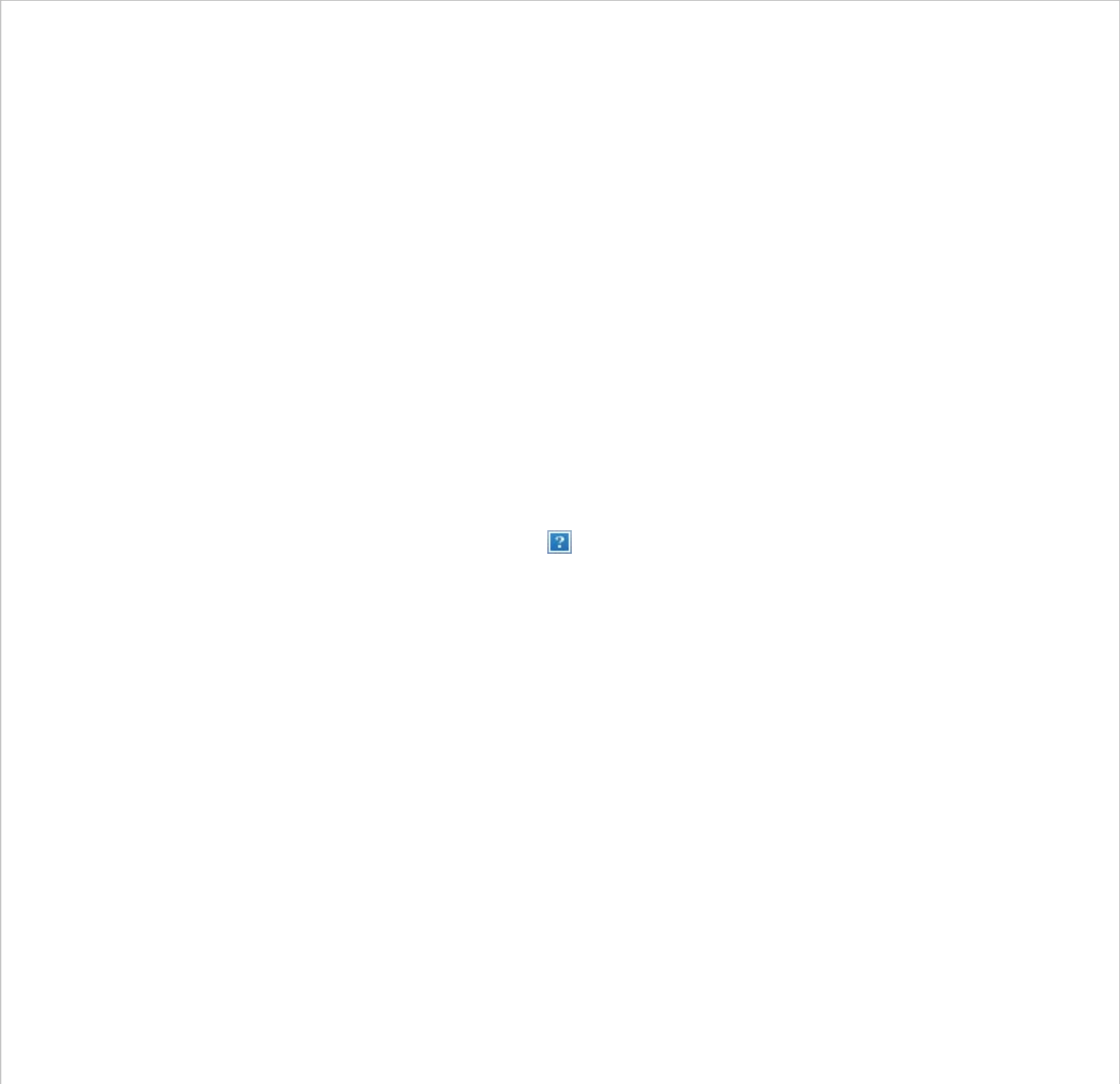
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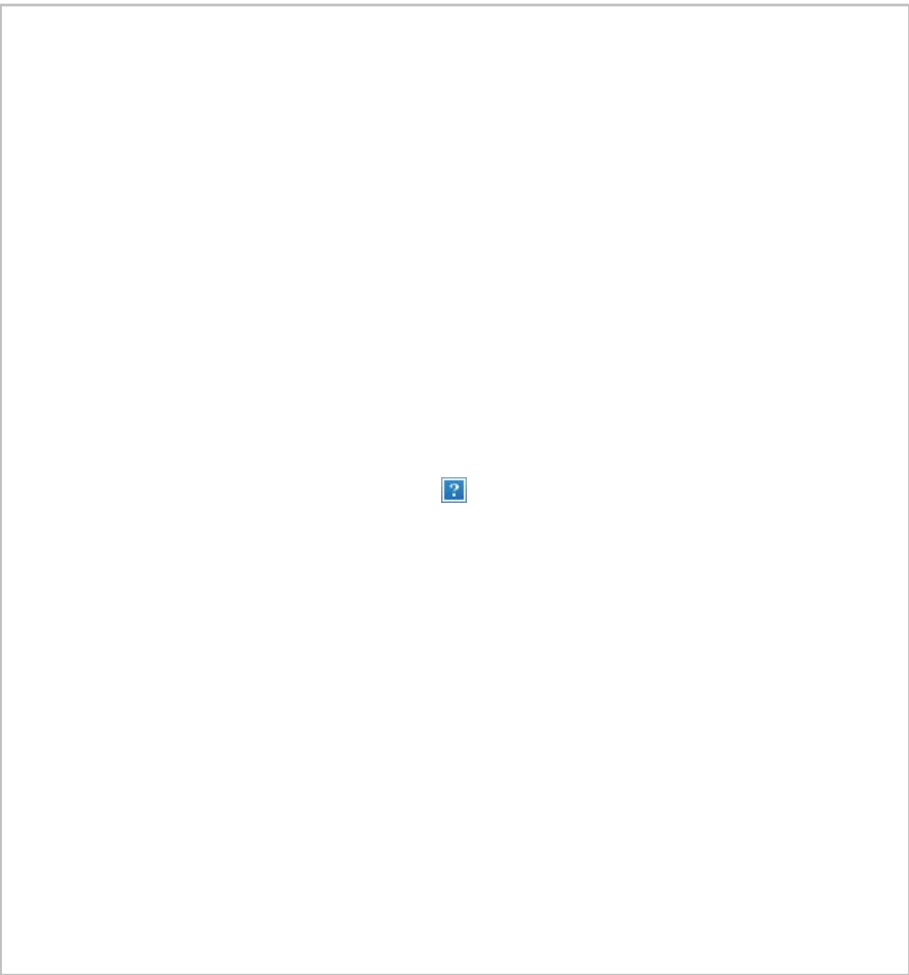
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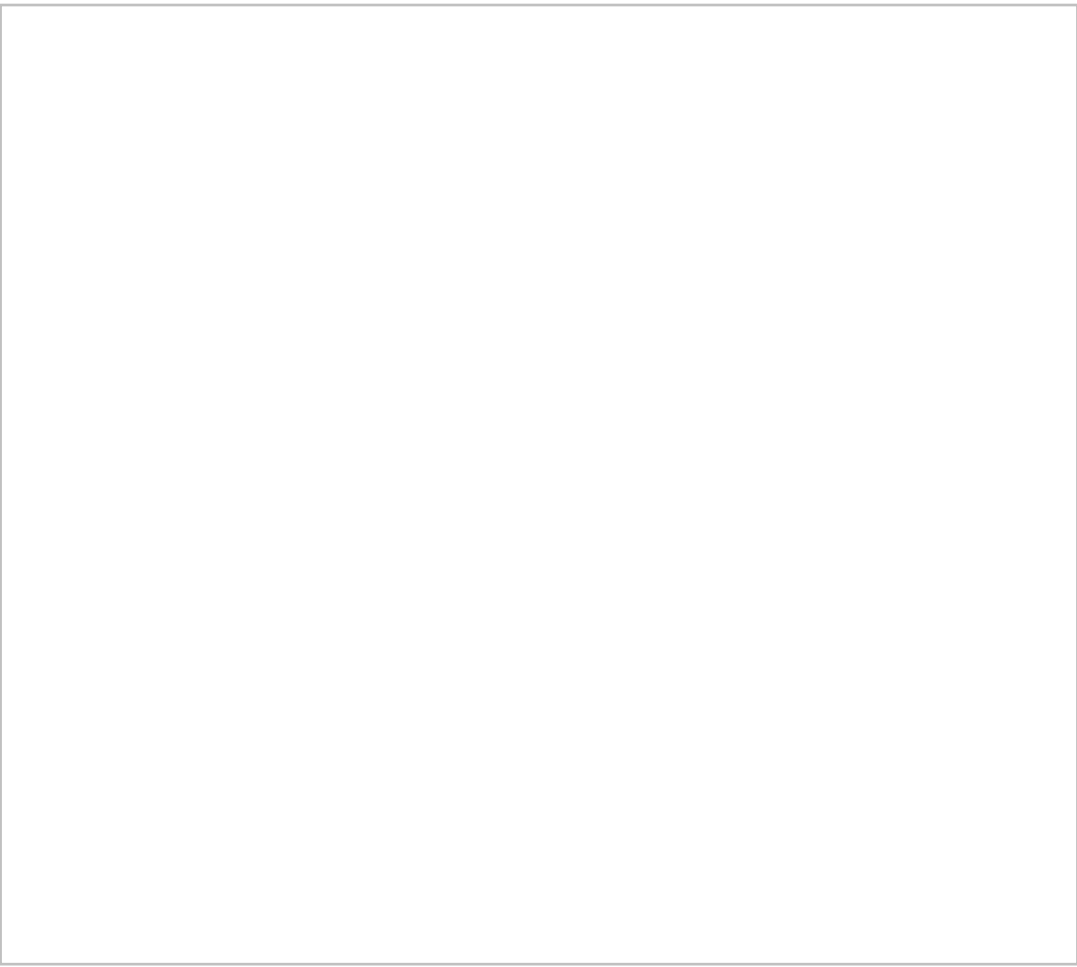
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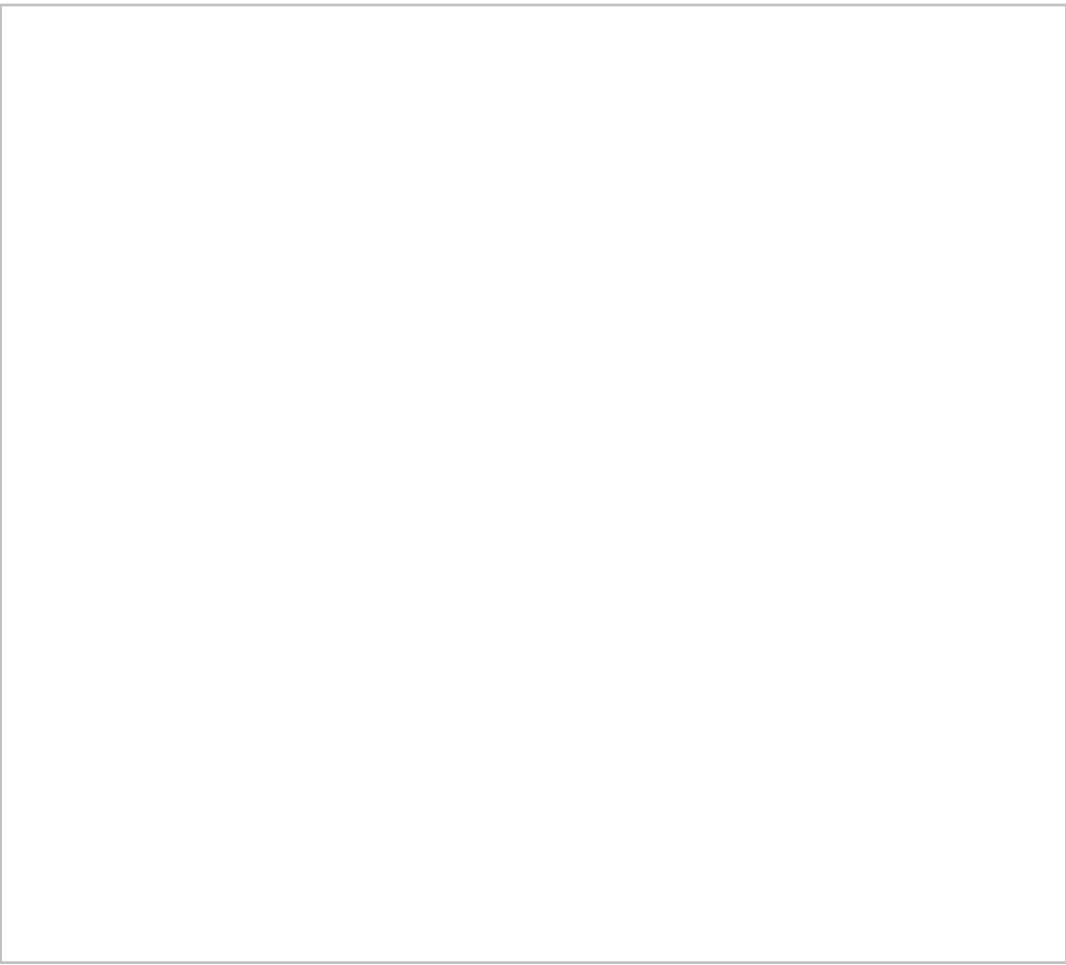
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**Date:** September 10, 2024

**Incident Synopsis:**

Complaints were received regarding unlicensed raffles being conducted by the Flying L Ranch and specifically Michael LARES. The complainants detailed raffles being conducted that offered an opportunity to attend the guest ranch. Screenshots of raffle activity as well as PayPal information and other supporting information was provided.

**Suspect information:**

Michael LARES/FLYING L Ranch  
250-302-2989  
[michael@flyinglranch.ca](mailto:michael@flyinglranch.ca)  
[The love of horses & nature | Instagram, Facebook | Linktree](#)  
[FLYING L RANCH - Off-Grid Horse Ranch in Nemaiah Valley B.C.](#)

**Gaming Enforcement Action:**

**2024-08-06** SPC BOHANAN was made aware of the file through an email chain and assigned the investigation to himself.

SPC BOHANAN reviewed all the complaint details and learned the following:

A complaint from **s. 22** regarding the unlicensed raffle was entered into the GOS complaint que on July 04, 2024. The email complaint outlined concerns of an illegal raffle conducted at the Flying L Ranch by the operator Michael LARES. The detailed complaint contained screenshots and extensive details about the raffles. The complaint was unassigned in the Northern Que due to backlog on social media complaints.

A second complaint email was received from **s. 22** August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The email was sent to Executive Director Cary SKRINE but was forwarded to acting Executive Director Ed HIPSZ in his absence. Mr. HIPSZ forwarded the email to the Prince George Investigators on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. SPC BOHANAN responded to the email on August 6<sup>th</sup> following an absence during the long weekend and assigned the file to himself.

SPC BOHANAN reviewed the email complaint details from **s. 22** and conducted an open-source search on Flying L Ranch and Michael LARES and the results were as follows:

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SPC BOHANAN confirmed the presence of illegal raffle activity conducted on the Flying L Ranch social media page and website that matched the screenshots and details outlined by the complainant. SPC BOHANAN obtained several screenshots and contact information for Mr. LARES who appears to be the sole operator of the Ranch and all raffle activity.

SPC BOHANAN made s. 22 complaint INV138869 the master file due to its detailed nature and open communication by the complainant as other complaints had very limited details and/or limited contact information. All other complaints were merged in GOS by the ERO at the request of SPC BOHANAN.

**2024-08-07** SPC BOHANAN contacted Mr. LARES via email requesting a phone call and advising him the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB) had received several complaints regarding his raffle activity. **(All email correspondence attached to GOS file)**

Mr. LARES responded to the email via phone call to SPC BOHANAN. Mr. LARES introduced himself and went into detail about his life and the ranch. He did not hesitate to state he was conducting the raffles and was unaware they required a license to do so. SPC BOHANAN advised him of the process to obtain proper gaming event licenses and directed him to the GPEB website.

SPC BOHANAN advised Mr. LARES he would be sending a written warning following the conversation and encouraged Mr. LARES to delete and cease all unlicensed raffle activity. Mr. LARES stated he wished to fully comply with the Gaming Policy Enforcement Branch as he hoped to one day obtain charitable status for the ranch. Mr. LARES went one step further and stated he will post his GPEB interaction on his social media acknowledging he was conducting raffles without a license and offering refunds to anyone that wished to receive one. He asked if people wished to leave their money with the ranch as a donation in leu of a refund would that be acceptable. SPC BOHANAN advised him to first offer a refund, but if people wished to donate or not receive a refund that was their choice.

NOTE: s. 22

The call with Mr. LARES lasted 31 minutes

SPC BOHANAN contacted the complainant s. 22 and thanked him for the comprehensive complaint details and screenshots and assured him the Gaming Enforcement Branch would review all details and respond accordingly.

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**2024-08-08** SPC BOHANAN drafted a warning letter and sent it to Mr. LARES outlining the illegal raffle activities and consequences for continuing. The warning letter also directed him to the appropriate avenues to obtain licenses in the future if he wished to do so. (Warning letter attached to GOS master File)

**2024-08-12** Mr. LARES acknowledged receipt of the warning letter via email and stated he had posted on his social media advising his followers the raffle was unlicensed offering refunds to anyone who participated. He explained to date none of the participants had requested a refund, but that it was received poorly by his detractors, and it garnished hostile communications from them. Mr. LARES stated he has opened communication with his legal counsel with respect to the matter. SPC BOHANAN confirmed the post through an open-source search.

**2024-08-12** SPC BOHANAN received an email from [s. 22](#) stating he had seen the social media post by Mr. LARES acknowledging the Gaming Enforcement action, but stated he had many concerns about the course of action. He attached a 10-page email attachment that included seven (7) recommendations on how GPEB could pursue the matter and direct Mr. LARES to run his social media and web pages.

SPC BOHANAN responded to the complainant thanking him for the further information and advising him several of his recommendations are beyond the scope of authority of the Gaming Enforcement Branch. SPC BOHANAN advised [s. 22](#) he could not provide him with further information as it was an ongoing investigation. [s. 22](#)

[s. 22](#) requested information on how to obtain the results of a GPEB investigation.

**2024-08-13** SPC BOHANAN received a phone call from a Peter VAN DER HEYDEN claiming he was the main owner of the Flying L Ranch [s. 22](#)

[s. 22](#). SPC BOHANAN advised Mr. VAN DER HEYDEN he could not share complaint information over the phone without confirmation of who he was speaking with. Mr. VAN DER HEYDEN offered to email proof of identification and ownership to SPC BOHANAN. An email was sent to requesting the information.

**2024-08-14** Mr. VAN DER HEYDEN responded and provided the following documents to SPC BOHANAN:

- Flying "L" Ranch Ltd. Incorporation Agreement and Articles
- Flying "L" Ranch Ltd. Notice of Articles
- Copy of my passport
- Title to District Lot 383 (showing the land is owned by Flying "L" Ranch Ltd.)

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**2024-08-15** SPC BOHANAN attempted to contact Cst. EDWARDS, but was advised he was on leave until August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**2024-08-15** SPC BOHANAN emailed Mr. VAN DER HEYDEN and advised him Mr. LARES was being cooperative and wishes to comply with any requests in the matter and that there was a delay in speaking with the investigating officer with the RCMP as he was currently on leave. SPC BOHANAN assured Mr. VAN DER HEYDEN that he was at no liability for the raffles conducted as he was not participating in the illegal activity and that Mr. LARES had accepted full responsibility for conducting the raffles and ensured they would not take place anymore

**2024-08-15** SPC BOHANAN emailed Mr. LARES advising him that Cst. EDWARDS was currently on leave and was unavailable to discuss the file until near the end of the month. Mr. LARES responded and advised SPC BOHANAN he had cc'd his legal counsel at their recommendation for all future correspondence.

**2024-08-20** Mr. VAN DER HEYDEN emailed SPC BOHANAN thanking him for the update and requested a copy of the written warning provided to Flying L ranch.

**2024-08-21** SPC BOHANAN emailed a copy of the written warning to Mr. VAN DER HEYDEN.

**2024-09-03** SPC BOHANAN attempted to contact Cst. EDWARDS and left a voicemail requesting a call back.

**2024-09-06** SPC BOHANAN contacted s. 16

**2024-09-06** Mr. LARES reached out to SPC BOHANAN for an update on the file following the delay in communication between BOHANAN and Cst. EDWARDS due to annual leave by both parties. Mr. LARES was advised the file was being concluded after the conversation and thanked him for his cooperation throughout. SPC BOHANAN encouraged Mr. LARES to access the GPEB website if you wished to conduct any fundraising and ensure it aligns with our provincial legislation.

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**Conclusion:**

SPC BOHANAN reviewed all aspects of the complaint including the extensive information provided by *s. 22* Open-source investigations confirmed the presence of unlicensed raffles conducted by Mr. LARES on behalf of the Flying L Ranch.

When contacted by SPC BOHANAN Mr. LARES was honest and forthright openly admitting he was fundraising for the ranch. When advised the activity observed during the investigation was illegal Mr. LARES was immediately responsive and cooperative. He ceased all activity and posted on the social media pages he operates that the activity was unlicensed and offered refunds to participants.

When a refund was offered through the Flying L Ranch social media page only one participant requested their money back. Any subsequent search of the Flying L Ranch social media pages following the warning letter show no signs of unlicensed raffle activity.

S/Cst. Chad BOHANAN

**SUPERVISOR COMMENT:**

**NOTE:**

- *s. 22*
- The COM *s. 22* expressed to S/Cst Bohanan that he was unsatisfied with a warning letter and wanted further action.

Based on the above notes, S/Cst Parks reviewed the file and confirmed the following:

- The GPEB investigation was limited to illegal gambling allegations as per GPEB's mandate.
- The choice of S/Cst Bohanan to issue a written warning was appropriate and in line with GPEB's response to similar events.

Tony Parks  
Regional Director, Enforcement Division  
Interior Region, Gaming Policy & Enforcement Branch

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**Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General  
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RE: Illegal Lottery Scheme, GPEB file #138859

Flying L Ranch/Michael Lares

The Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB) has received complaints about raffle/ticket draws that you are running through your social media page. In each of these instances, you have been identified as the administrator of the group and/or the organizer of the game. These games and distinct types of draws are illegal in the Province of British Columbia and gambling in Canada is a regulated activity that must be licensed by the province in which it is conducted. It is important that you immediately stop any online gambling activities including bingo games, 50/50 draws, raffle/ticket prize draws, fundraisers with a draw or chance element, or any other gambling scheme and obtain the proper license(s) for any lottery scheme, bingo, or other game that you operate. The social media pages that you are operating these schemes from are being monitored and will be used in future prosecution should you not cease these activities immediately.

Within the Province of British Columbia, the Enforcement Division of GPEB has a mandate to investigate complaints or allegations of criminal or regulatory wrongdoing relating to casinos, gambling, lotteries, and horseracing. The definition of an illegal lottery scheme is being provided here to assist in your understanding of the laws that govern and regulate gaming here in Canada and British Columbia, namely the Criminal Code of Canada and the Gaming Control Act:

Any contest, raffle, scheme, game or other event in which the three elements of gaming: chance (i.e. where the selection of a winner is random and has no-skill based element), consideration – monetary or non-monetary (i.e. the transfer of something valuable, including money whether as a donation or not), and prize (i.e. the giving of a some form of goods or service) are all included in the definition of gambling, as defined by the Criminal Code. Outside of the gaming service providers and the British Columbia Lottery Corporation, gambling for money – including bingos and raffles – is permitted only through obtaining a license for community charitable gaming from the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, which must then be organized and operated by a registered charitable organization with all profits going to that organization.

The operation of an unlicensed lottery scheme, such as an online bingo or raffle draw, in British Columbia is a **violation of sections 88(a) & (b) of the Gaming Control Act, each of which carry a fine of up to \$5000. These offences can also be prosecuted under the Criminal Code of Canada as the**



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**operation of a lottery scheme, which is a contravention of section 206(1)(a) and 206(1)(c) of the Criminal Code of Canada.** Each of these are indictable offences that can have a punishment of imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years. As a computer was used to facilitate this operation, section 207(4)(c) of the Criminal Code of Canada also applies, a hybrid offence, which means that it can be prosecuted as either an indictable or summary offence. Punishment for the indictable offence remains at a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, while the summary offence can see a term of imprisonment for 2 years less a day and/or a \$5,000 fine.

This letter is being sent to confirm the findings of our investigation. It also serves as a warning that should you choose to administer, organize, or otherwise operate any online bingos, 50/50, raffle, or ticket draw, or other gambling operation that contravenes the *Gaming Control Act*, these activities will be investigated with the view toward prosecution. The operation of any gambling event requires you to apply for and hold a license from the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, which must be operated by and for the benefit of a registered charitable organization. For your reference, the link below explains this, and other information related to gambling in the Province British Columbia:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gambling-in-bc>

Should you have any questions regarding the licensing of gaming please refer to the GPEB website or contact GPEB Licensing at (250) 387-5311. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated and should you have remaining questions or concerns, please contact me through any of the below means.

Respectfully,

*Investigator, Northern Region*

Special Provincial Constable

Enforcement Division-

Gaming Policy & Enforcement Branch

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**FW: Flying L Ranch - yet another "Raffle"**

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**From** Skrine, Cary J GPEB:EX <Cary.Skrine@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date** Wed 8/7/2024 4:33 PM  
**To** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

Chad,

I believe you have this one....just wanted you to be aware of my correspondence with the complainant.

Cary

***Cary Skrine*** (he/him)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 4:33 PM  
**To** s. 22  
**Subject:** RE: Flying L Ranch - yet another "Raffle"

s. 22 ,

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. As Debra has stated, a file has been opened and an investigator assigned. If they haven't already done so, you should be hearing from them shortly and the investigation will be prioritized.

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**Cc:** Skrine, Cary J GPEB:EX <[Cary.Skrine@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cary.Skrine@gov.bc.ca)>

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- there is no tracking, transparency, accountability, no statement on chances of winning, or any information at all to know what happens with payments
- there is no way for the public, including participants, to know anything about the operation or results of the "raffle"

In his appeal for participant to purchase "entries" Mr. Lares has provided nothing to assure the "raffle" is handled fairly and honourably and in accordance with regulations, or how the funds received are used. Given the complete lack of information or accountability, it is likely, and not unreasonable to conclude, Mr. Lares and Flying L Ranch simply pockets the money thus received.

### **Betting Game on Foal Birthing Dates:**

On or about April 4, 2024 Michael Lares held a betting game to "*Guess our five expecting mares [sic] foal birthdates*" and offering a prize of "*\$1,000 cash for travel and all expenses at the ranch covered*". Three weeks later, on or about April 25, 2024, Mr. Lares closed the guessing game.

The Instagram video posting is found at <https://www.instagram.com/reel/C5J7br0SrmC/> . I have preserved this as well should it be required.

As with the two aforementioned "raffles" there are no controls whatsoever. The only differences are:

- payment of \$15 per "entry" rather than \$25
- payments are solicited via eTransfer directly to Mr. Lares himself, in addition to the use of PayPal.

The initial post by Mr. Lares reads as follows (the references to the number of weeks at the end of each post are relative to August 1, 2024):

*Let's have some fun and support the horses!*

*The GUESS OUR FIVE EXPECTING MARES FOALS BIRTHDAYS Contest starts now.*

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*#flyinglranch #flying\_l\_ranch  
#portaltothemajesticandwild  
17W*

And the final post from Mr. Lares closing the contest reads as follows:

*Contest closed as of this morning as we had three babies born in the wee hours! Squeegee-filly, Sienna-filly and Duchess-stud colt! Stay tuned for details on the outcome for a winner!  
14w*

Here are some screenshots from the **Betting Game on Foal Birthdates** video:



michael\_jares • Follow

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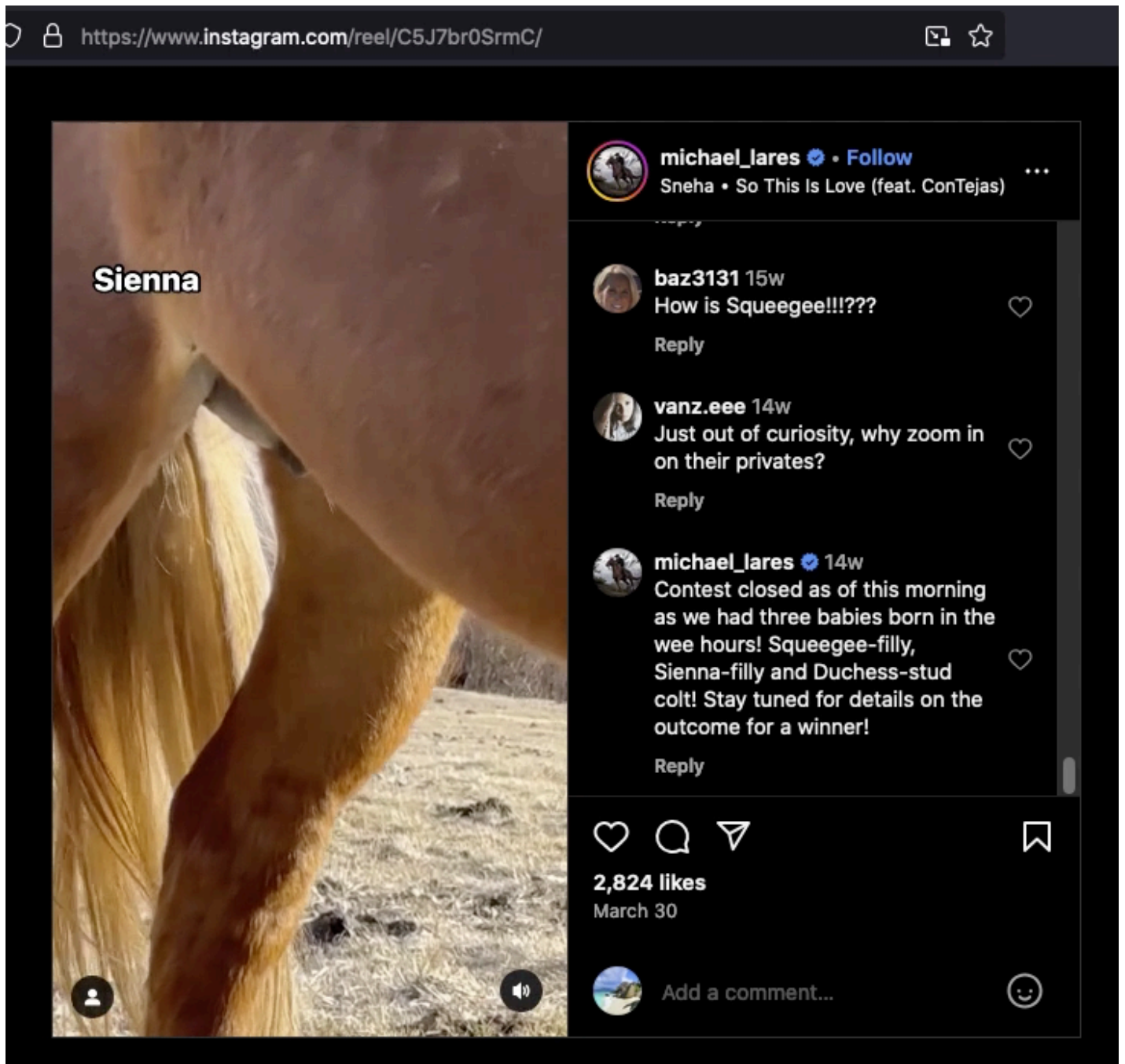
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### Summary:

I have provided the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch with reasonable evidence that Mr. Lares and Flying "L" Ranch has, on at least 3 occasions in 2024, operated some form of gaming/gambling requiring licenses which have not been applied for or issued (betting game, "raffles"). One of these is currently in progress.

I believe there is some urgency to investigate as it is clear Mr. Lares will continue to operate various forms of gaming/gambling absent investigation and sufficient fines.

Should investigations confirm Mr. Lares has been operating in violation of regulations, it will require fines to stop Mr. Lares from future repeat offences as a "warning" will be perceived as no more than the irritation of a slap on the wrists.

I have preserved the videos referenced above and will make these available to you at your request.

Finally, I thank you for your time, interest, and actions in this matter.

Best regards,

s. 22

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**From:** Gagnon, Debra GPEB:EX <[Debra.Gagnon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Debra.Gagnon@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 6:45 PM  
**To** s. 22  
**Subject:** Flying L Ranch

Hello s. 22

A file was opened with respect to your concerns about the Flying L Ranch, this is the second complaint filed today with respect to the activities on the Flying L Ranch. We confirm these files will be assigned to an investigator who will look into this matter.

We thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Regards,

Enforcement Intake Clerk

Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch

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**FW: Flying L Ranch - yet another "Raffle"**


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**From** Hipsz, Ed GPEB:EX <Ed.Hipsz@gov.bc.ca>

**Date** Fri 8/2/2024 5:24 PM

**To** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>; Horodyski, Brian GPEB:EX <Brian.Horodyski@gov.bc.ca>

**Cc** Parks, Tony GPEB:EX <Tony.Parks@gov.bc.ca>; Skrine, Cary J GPEB:EX <Cary.Skrine@gov.bc.ca>

 3 attachments (4 MB)

20240704 Initial request to Gaming Branch.pdf; 20240801 Michael Lares Illegal Raffle Images for Enforcement.pdf; 20240216 - McQuarrie Instagram Defamation Letter.pdf;

Chad/ Brian,

Not sure who this may be assigned to but the attached is a second complaint from [s. 22](#) The original is still in the Northern queue, File 138869/ Occurrence 141687.

The complainant phoned me today as he contacted Cary who is AOL and was referred to myself. I told him that I was going to be on the road for the better part of the day but that I would find the most appropriate person (s) to forward this message. He said he would encapsulate everything in an email.

At any rate, not sure who is next on the list for a file but please let me know if you need assistance with same.

Ed

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**From** [s. 22](#)

**Sent:** Friday, August 2, 2024 9:49 AM

**To:** Hipsz, Ed GPEB:EX <Ed.Hipsz@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Fw: Flying L Ranch - yet another "Raffle"

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Hi Mr. Hipsz,

Thank you for the brief phone call of this morning. I called you because an automatic reply came from Cary Skine suggesting you be contacted.

Below is the email I sent to Debra Gagnon with a cc to Cary Skine. You'll see why I elected to cc Cary, but in doing so please know it is not a criticism of Debra, but simply due to the immediacy of timing because Mr. Lares is presently operating yet another gaming event.

Now that I understand you are in the Intelligence side (which I admit I know little about) I would like to bring the general fundraising activities and campaigns by Michael Lares, of Flying "L" Ranch, to

solicit donations from the public. (see "flyinglran.ch.ca" as well as his Flying "L" Ranch Instagram account under the name "michael\_lares").

What concerns me is that there is no transparency or accountability whatsoever. The public never knows how the monies raised were used, if in fact they were used for the intended purpose, or other purposes, or how much money was raised. In addition to what is documented below, Mr. Lares solicits donations by PayPal, GoFundMe, Patreon, by appeals to eTransfer funds directly to him (via his personal email address), and also by appeals for donors to purchase gift cards at Beaver Valley Feeds in Williams Lake and possible at other retailers. Should anyone ask Mr. Lares for details he "blocks" their accounts (i.e. Instagram, etc), labels them "haters" and "trolls" and goes so far as to issue lawyer's letters threatening legal action "to the fullest extent possible". One of these generic legal letters is posted on his Instagram account for all to see, a copy of which attached (20240216 - McQuarrie Instagram Defamation Letter.pdf).

Mr. Lares claims Flying "L" Ranch is an equine rescue operation, but all indications are that it is simply a breeding operation. For all we know, any funds Mr. Lares receives in response to his fundraising appeals and campaigns is simply pocketed by Mr. Lares himself. In other words, under the guise of soliciting donations for equine rescue Mr. Lares may simply be conducting a donations "scam" and pocketing the funds himself.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email particularly in respect to the investigation of violations of BC's gaming regulations and possible illegal/unlicensed activities. But also secondarily, in your Investigations capacity, with respect to what I think is generally a "scam" to solicit donations under false pretenses absent any transparency or accountability.

Thanks again.

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**From** s. 22

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**To:** Gagnon, Debra GPEB:EX <[Debra.Gagnon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Debra.Gagnon@gov.bc.ca)>

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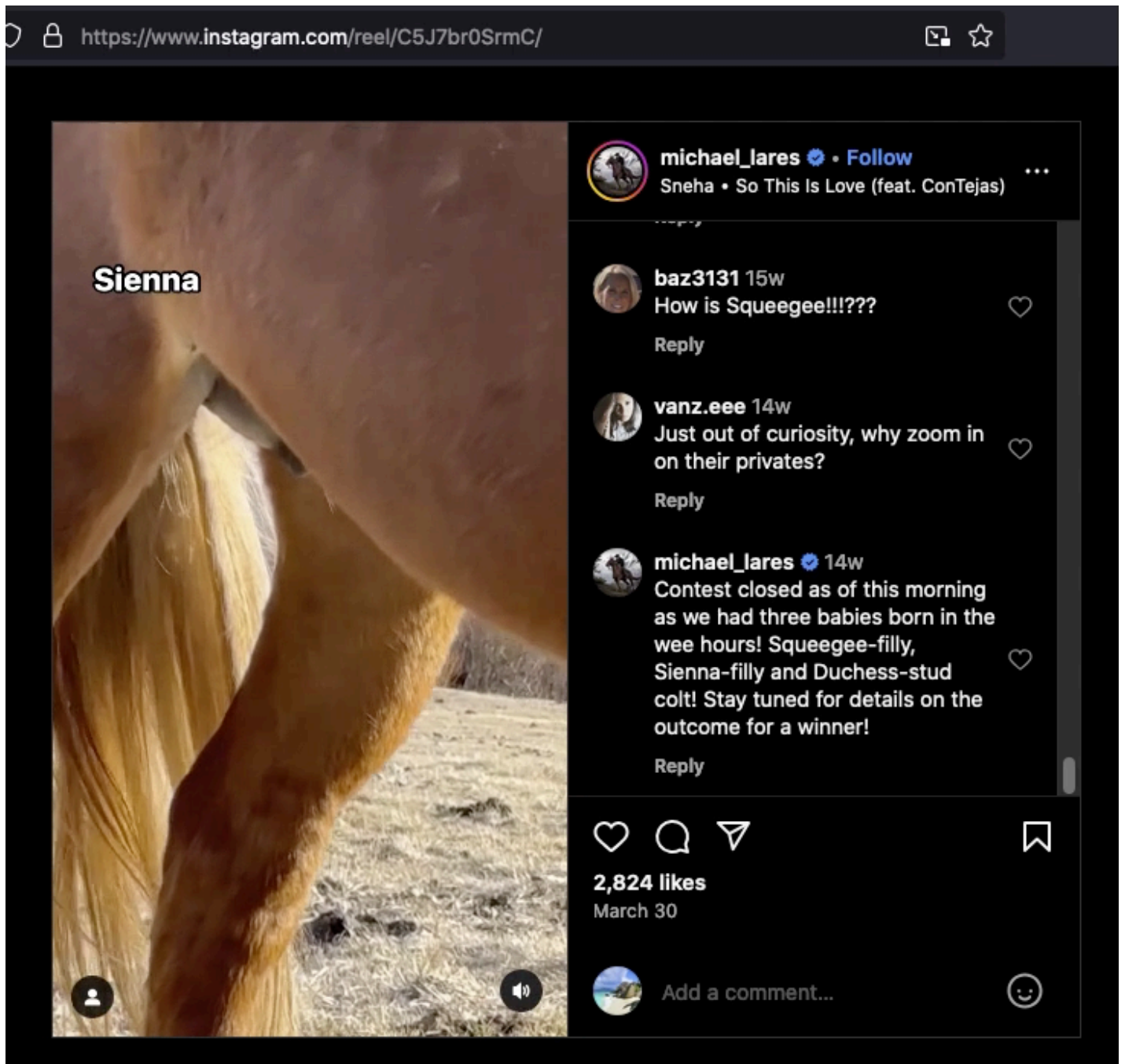
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s. 22

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 6:45 PM

**To** s. 22

**Subject:** Flying L Ranch

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We thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Regards,

Enforcement Intake Clerk

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**FW: Flying L Ranch - yet another "Raffle"**

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**From** Montgomery, Philip GPEB:EX <Philip.Montgomery@gov.bc.ca>

**Date** Wed 8/7/2024 10:34 AM

**To** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

 2 attachments (4 MB)

20240704 Initial request to Gaming Branch.pdf; 20240801 Michael Lares Illegal Raffle Images for Enforcement.pdf;

Hi Chad,

Forwarding these to you. I'm sure you intend to get in touch with the complainant to let him know an investigation is underway. <sup>s. 22</sup>  
might be a good early action to let him know you are on it!

Philip

**Philip Montgomery**

Regional Director

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**From:** Gagnon, Debra GPEB:EX <Debra.Gagnon@gov.bc.ca>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 10:11 AM

**To:** Montgomery, Philip GPEB:EX <Philip.Montgomery@gov.bc.ca>; Kipling, Rachel GPEB:EX <Rachel.Kipling@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Flying L Ranch - yet another "Raffle"

Update, these files have all now been assigned to Chad Bohanan, I believe there are 4 complaints in total and all have been linked and assigned to Chad.  
d.

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Hi Philip and Rachel,

I am forward this email that I received from a gentleman, s. 22 , who we had opened a complaint file some time back for with respect to the Flying L Ranch. As s. 22 had emailed me directly and copied Cary on the email I thought I would sent along to you as you might be asked by Cary about this email. The original file from s. 22 was opened on July 4<sup>th</sup> under file 138869 in the Northern Queue, which does not appear to be assigned as yet.

I will open a new file for this complaint and link it to the original file.

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**Cc:** Skrine, Cary J GPEB:EX <[Cary.Skrine@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cary.Skrine@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Flying L Ranch - yet another "Raffle"

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Hello Debra,

I hope you don't mind I have cc'd Cary Skrine who, I gather, is the Executive Director in the Enforcement Division overseeing Investigations. I've done so because I believe the matter to be of significant importance and urgency requiring immediate action because Michael Lares of Flying "L" Ranch is currently operating yet another unlicensed "raffle" for which there are no controls, transparency, or accountability. Additionally, I discovered Mr. Lares held a "guessing game" type of gambling event in April of this year, prior to the the one I reported on July 2, 2024, in which Mr. Lares solicited \$15 bets (entries) on when 5 horses would give birth in order to allegedly win \$1,000 and all expenses paid at the ranch.

If these activities of Mr. Lares are in violation of BC Gaming regulations and were held without license, which I suspect is the case, then Mr. Lares must be stopped and not just warned to cease and desist but also be fined for repeated violations and as a disincentive because otherwise he will continue to repeatedly violate the regulations with the impunity he clearly feels he has.

Let me explain and provide some documentation.

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#### **Current "Win a Trip Raffle":**

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have preserved these Instagram "story" videos should you require.

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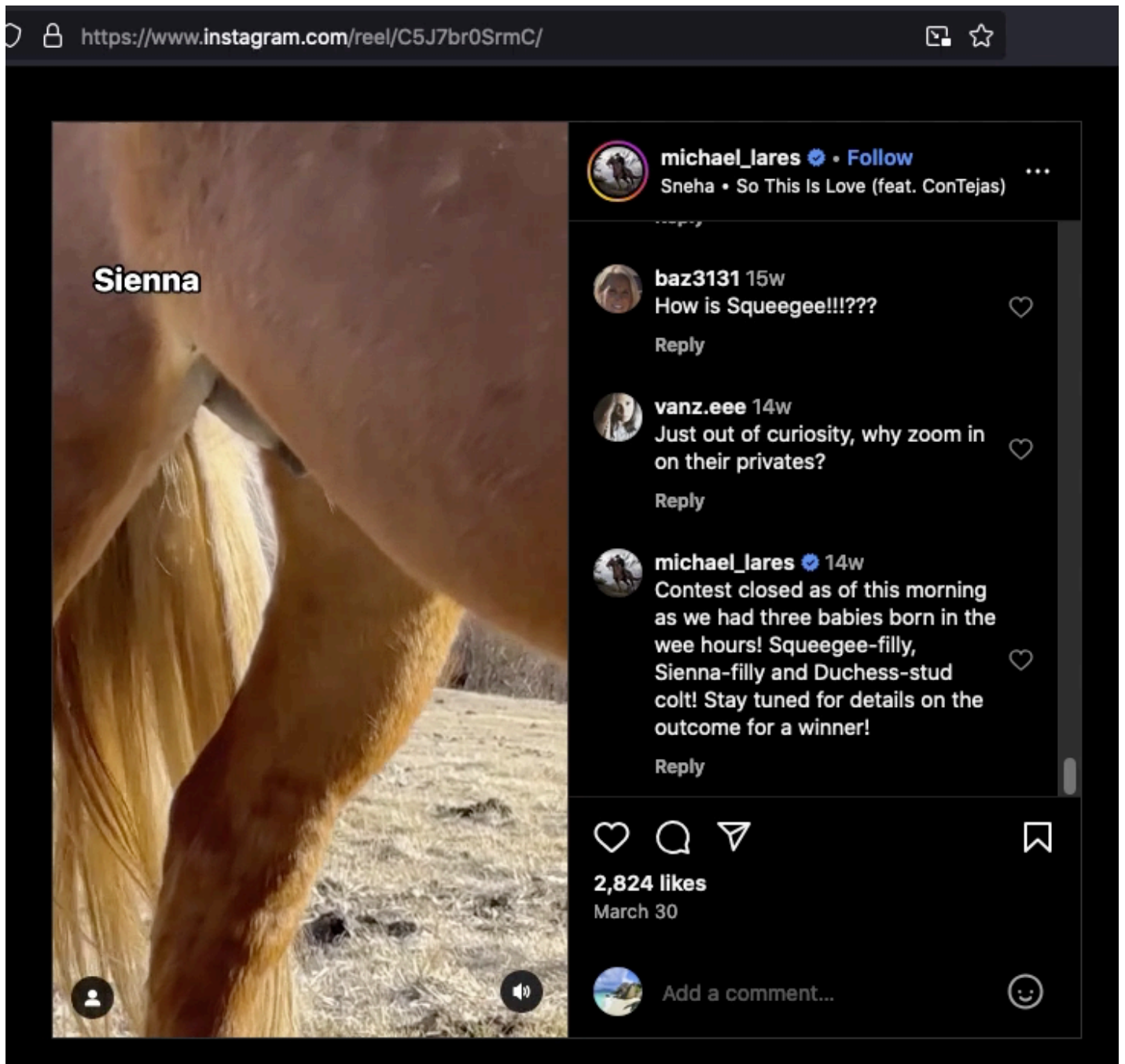
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Date Wed 8/7/2024 9:38 AM

To s. 22

Hello s. 22

As an investigator with the Gaming Policy Enforcement Branch I am tasked with receiving and responding to complaints of illegal activity with a nexus to gaming. I want to thank you for the very thorough compliant containing a lot of pertinent information. I have reviewed all the information and will continue open source investigations on my end.

I assure you this matter will receive full attention and be addressed promptly.

Regards,

*Chad Bohanan*  
*Investigator, Northern Region*

Special Provincial Constable

-Enforcement Division-

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 by email to: chad.bohanan@gov.bc.ca

**RE: Unlicensed gaming by Michael Lares / Flying “L” Ranch**

Hello Mr. Bohanan,

I wanted to write you and express my thanks for taking an interest in this matter.

I assume it was your initial action contacting Mr. Lares that resulted in his posting an Instagram story video (the “**clarification**”) suggesting he just became aware a gaming license is required to operate raffles and thus is cancelling the current raffle (image #1 below).

Mr. Lares’ clarification raises a number of concerns which, if I may be so bold, I would like to draw your attention to. I have a few recommendations and a question. Please do excuse me if any recommendations are outside the jurisdiction or authority of the GPEB.

**Multiple unlicensed raffles with least 3 held in 2024**

Mr. Lares solicited participation in at least three unlicensed raffles in 2024. In anticipation of a chance to win the stated prizes of a free trip to the Flying “L” Ranch, participants made payments for raffle tickets. Two of those unlicensed raffles are over. With cessation of the August 2024 unlicensed raffle it is no longer possible for those who purchased tickets for it to win anything at all.

I understand from the grapevine Mr. Lares was fully aware of raffles are required to be licensed, however at this time I cannot provide verification of that.

**It is practically impossible for any raffle participant to discover the raffle has been cancelled and that refunds may be available on submission of an opt-in request.**

The clarification notifies ticket payees they may opt-in for the possibility of a full refund provided they contact Mr. Lares via Instagram Direct Message (DM)<sup>1</sup>, otherwise Mr. Lares will keep the raffle ticket payments. It is unclear whether the refund opt-in is applicable to payees of all three 2024 unlicensed raffles or restricted to the most recent and just cancelled one.

The clarification has limited visibility and availability. It is in the form of an Instagram story video and thus vanishes after 24 hours, as it now has having been posted around 2pm ET on August 8, 2024. The clarification notice is also in a virtually impossible to find Instagram video reel. I will explain further.

Landing on Mr. Lares Instagram page the clarification cannot be found. In order to find the clarification within the 24-hours of its availability the Instagram user must know to take specific actions, first clicking on the image of Mr. Lares to access his current video stories (image #2 below) and then sitting/sifting through the stories

1 In order to view Flying “L” Ranch / Michael Lares Instagram postings or to Direct Message (DM) Mr. Lares the Instagram user must NOT have been “blocked” by Mr. Lares.

until the clarification appears. It is not reasonable to expect payees would know to do this, let alone within the limited time of its availability.

In the top left corner of the video story clarification the text *"Watch full reel"* is a link which, if selected, opens the original August 2024 video reel announcing Flying "L" Ranch is conducting another raffle due to the success of the immediately previous one (URL "<https://www.instagram.com/reels/C-Bt8NGyS5F/>").

This original video reel has been slightly modified, adding the single line of text saying *"UPDATE: We've just become aware that we require a gaming lic.. more"* which are the first few words of the clarification (image #3 below). The user must take the specific action of clicking on the word *"more"* to reveal the additional text of the clarification and use the scroll bar to view all of it (image #4 below). I have preserved a video of this if needed.

The clarification video story has now vanished and therefore the *"Watch full reel"* hint to the video reel is no longer available. Although the video reel will remain until Mr. Lares deletes it, it is virtually impossible to find. The Instagram user must know to select "Reels" from Mr. Lares instagram landing page (image #5 below) and then from the presented grid of images know which one to select. There is no indication of any sort to guide the user to the *"full reel"* leaving the user to view any number of video reels in order to perhaps stumble upon this one (image #6 below). With the addition of more video reels older reels, such as this one, get pushed further down the grid of images further rendering it a matter of pure chance to discover.

### **Instagram posts may be "pinned" to remain prominent.**

Instagram provides the ability to "pin" a posting so that it remains in a prominent position at the top of the account holder's landing page. For example, you noticed the legal letter Mr. Lares posted in February 2024 as it sits prominently as the first image in the grid on his landing page because it is "pinned". It is difficult to see the image of the push-pin in the upper right corner of the pinned item because the pin is white on a white background, but it is there in the top right corner (image #7 below).

### **Recommendation #1:**

To facilitate visitors to Mr. Lares Flying "L" Ranch Instagram page to become aware of the availability of refund, particularly those who purchased tickets for the unlicensed raffles, I urge GPEB to require Mr Lares to "pin" a clarification such that will sit in a prominent position at the top of the grid on the Flying "L" Ranch / Michael Lares Instagram landing page (subject to Recommendation #2 below).

### **Refunds should be sent by default unless payee elects to opt-out:**

The default remedy offered in Mr. Lares' clarification is that he will pocket raffle ticket payments re-categorized as a donations (*"... you're welcome to leave your donations ..."*) unless a payee takes the proscribed action to opt-in and apply for a refund (*"Or if you would like, you may receive a full refund of your cost to enter the raffle. Simply DM me for that verification and process."*).

In other words, to received a refund a payee is required to take action to opt-in by request to Mr. Lares which will be subject to an undefined *"verification and process"* under Mr. Lares' sole control. There are no accountability measures in place to assure refunds will be received.

Any reasonable person would perceive this as inherently unfair to payees and skewed towards Mr. Lares retaining raffle ticket payments by placing the onus on the payee to opt-in action to request a refund with no

guarantee of the result. Add to that unfairness the how virtually impossible it is for payees to even be aware that refunds may be had.

It would be more fair and equitable for the default remedy to be Mr. Lares issuing a full refund unless the payee elects to inform Mr. Lares that they wish to opt-out of receiving a refund.

**Recommendation #2:**

I urge GPEB to direct Mr. Lares to revise the clarification (pinned to the top of his Instagram landing page) to clearly indicate all unlicensed raffle ticket payees will receive a full refund unless they provide written notice to Mr. Lares they wish to opt-out of receiving a refund and give permission for their ticket payments to re-categorized as a donation.

A reasonable cut-off date for opt-out notices to be received by Mr. Lares should be set, perhaps 2 weeks from the date a revised clarification posting is “pinned” and together with sending email notifications as per Recommendations #3.

**Refund notification should be sent to payees by email:**

Restricting notification to Mr. Lares’ Instagram platform is not sufficient to alert more than a very small number of payees that the recent raffle has been cancelled and refunds may be had. Sending a notification by email to all payees would be 100% effective and would not require any action on the part of payees unless they wished to opt-out of receiving a refund.

Mr. Lares has readily available the necessary contact information for every payee to notify them by email along with knowing the amounts each paid for tickets. The payee’s contact information is part of the electronic payment process. By way of confirming Mr. Lares has easy access to every payees’ contact information, Mr. Lares posted videos of the July 1, 2024 unlicensed raffle draw at the Williams Lake Stampede, making note of the fact that the names of payees are obtained from their electronic payments and transferred by hand to post-it notes.

Although Mr. Lares has the information necessary to email a clarification/refund notice to all payees, to my knowledge he has not done so.

**Recommendation #3:**

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**Mr. Lares should not be allowed to reap financial benefit from having held unlicensed raffles and refunds should be applicable to all three unlicensed raffles held in 2024:**

GPEB has been provided with documentation of three unlicensed raffles orchestrated by Mr. Lares in 2024. It would be appropriate for the remedy of a refund to be applicable to those who purchased tickets for any of these unlicensed raffles.

**Recommendation #4:**

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**Recommendation #5:**

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**About Flying "L" Ranch Limited:**

Mr. Lares states Flying "L" Ranch is owned by the Lares Family (image #8 below). If GPEB is not already aware, this is not true.

Flying "L" Ranch Limited is a for-profit company incorporated in BC (Incorporation Number BC1211100 &, Business Number 789488533). There are two directors of which Mr. Lares is but one, with Mr. Peter van der Heyden being the other (Notice of Articles available on requested).

Although I cannot provide verification, from the grapevine I understand Mr. Van der Heyden believes Mr. Lares refuses to fulfill his corporate obligations and responsibilities, as required by BC Business Corporations Act, and has effectively "gone rogue". Further, that Mr. Van der Heyden is concerned that he is unable to prevent or stop Mr. Lares from actions that may expose Mr. Van der Heyden himself, as well as the company, to liabilities, such as conducting unlicensed raffles, and for soliciting donations under the false premise that Flying "L" Ranch is a "horse sanctuary focused on helping local wildies [wild horses] in need" when in reality it is a horse breeding operation.

**Recommendation #6:**

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## **Reporting and accountability:**

The publication "GPEB Licensed Charitable Gaming Rules (February 27, 2023)" describes a number of measures to assure a gaming licensee operates responsibly, is financially accountable, and provides various compliance and accountability reports. I assume it follows that GPEB has the authority to confirm the veracity of anything a licensee reports, inclusive of completeness of reports and verification of finances.

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### **Question #1:**

Will GPEB be conducting investigations into the finances the 3 raffles operated by Mr. Lares / Flying "L" Ranch in 2024?

This is the end of my submission with my apologies for its length.

I want to thank you for taking the time to review this and hopefully you will be able to let me know your response to the recommendations and to the question.

Best regards,

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References and images follow

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Full text of clarification which, for some reason, includes the original announcement [emphasis added];

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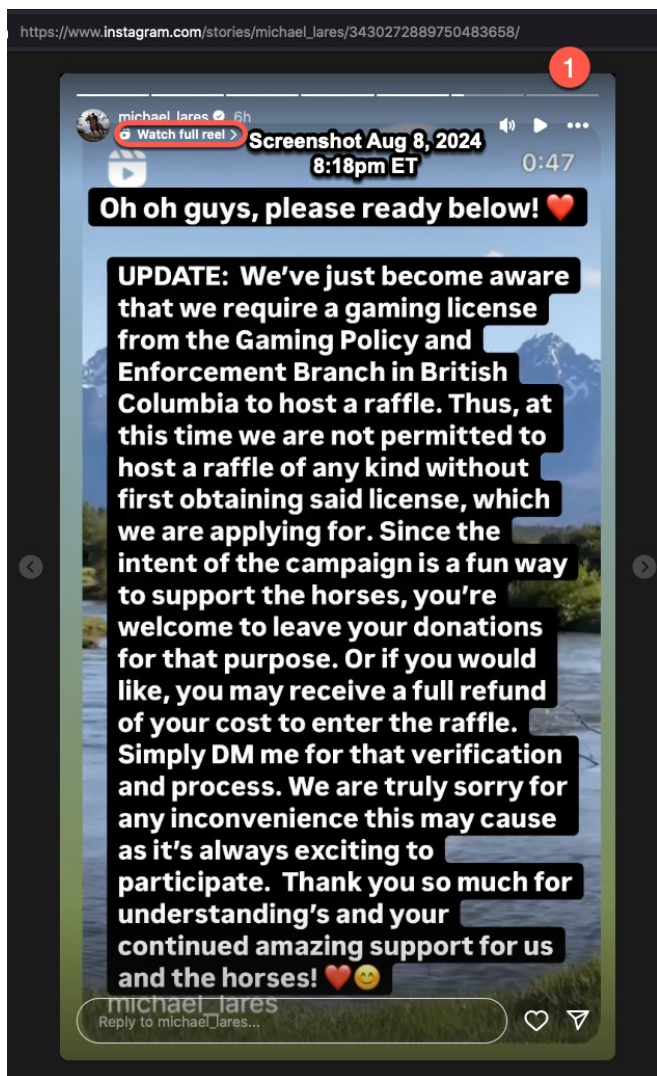
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Entry is simple and tickets are \$25 each with no limits on purchase. Your winning ticket can also be assigned to someone of your choice!

Your entry will be registered with your ticket purchase via your information given at check out.

Good luck to everyone entering and we look forward to having you out!





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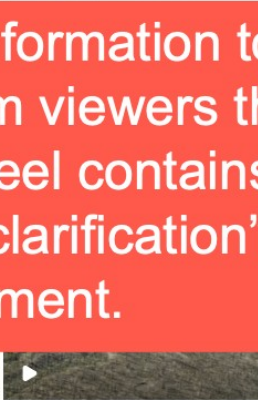
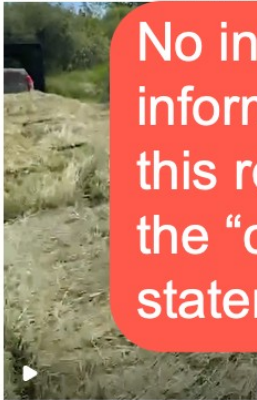
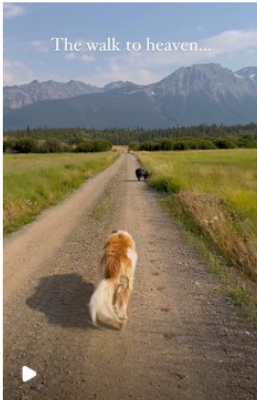


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February 16, 2024



To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Instagram Defamation of Michael Lares and Flying "L" Ranch Ltd.**

We are legal counsel for Mr. Lares and Flying "L" Ranch Ltd. concerning the above matter.

To the extent you are a recipient, viewer or follower of certain false and defamatory statements or videos about our clients which have been posted to the Instagram platform, please be aware of the following. The good reputations of Mr. Lares and the Flying "L" Ranch Ltd. are being tarnished by certain known and unknown online authors. By implication, Mr. Lares' family is also being maligned. Please notify us as soon as possible if you receive any publications impugning our clients' reputations. Please do not republish, forward or reproduce any such videos or posts. Republication of defamatory material could expose you to a lawsuit for defamation.

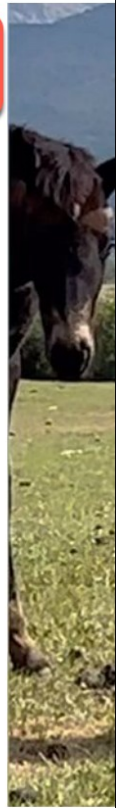
We will be following up with the authors of the defamatory posts in due course, as our clients intend to pursue those authors to the fullest extent possible, including seeking damages and possibly injunctive relief. We are also following up with Instagram directly concerning these posts.

To be clear, any post or other media on Instagram which tends to lower the reputation of either of our clients in the minds of a reasonable person is *prima facie*, defamatory, and will result in a lawsuit against anyone behind that.

Yours truly,

MCQUARRIE HUNTER LLP

ROYAL J. MORTON\*  
Partner



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Welcome to the Flying L Ranch! Located in the heart of [Nemiah Valley](#), we are a full-function, off-grid horse and hay ranch. Owned and operated by the [Lares Family](#), we've grown into a self-sufficient horse sanctuary focused on helping local wildies in need. Collaborating with the local Indigenous community of the [Xeni Gwet'in](#), we aim to assist in the protection and care of local wild horse herds. After being globally

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**But even among an ominous disaster like the slide and its future impact, there is still much beauty to behold.**



Visit link >

[Win a trip for two at the ranch](#)

**So join in our raffle to win a trip for two to come see us and partake in all the wonderment!**

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You authorize PayPal to pay Flying L Ranch LTD \$0.00 around this day each month. You can change or cancel at anytime in your PayPal account settings.

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**Re: Unlicensed Raffle Warning Letter**

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**To** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

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Thank you, looking forward to the chat.

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Hello,

My apologies for the delayed response. I received your voicemail upon returning to work this am. I am unavailable for the remainder of the morning, but I will make time to call you this afternoon.

Thank you,

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**From:** Michael Lares <michael@flyinglranch.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 4:22 PM

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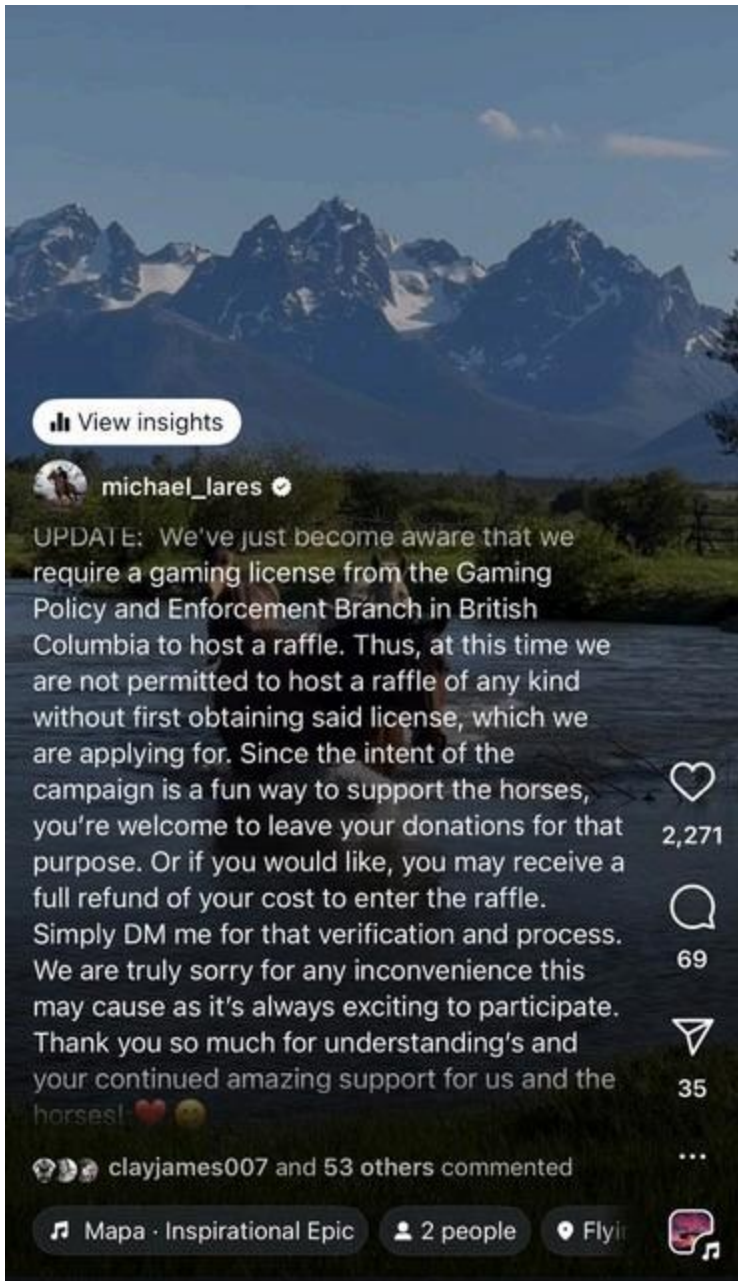
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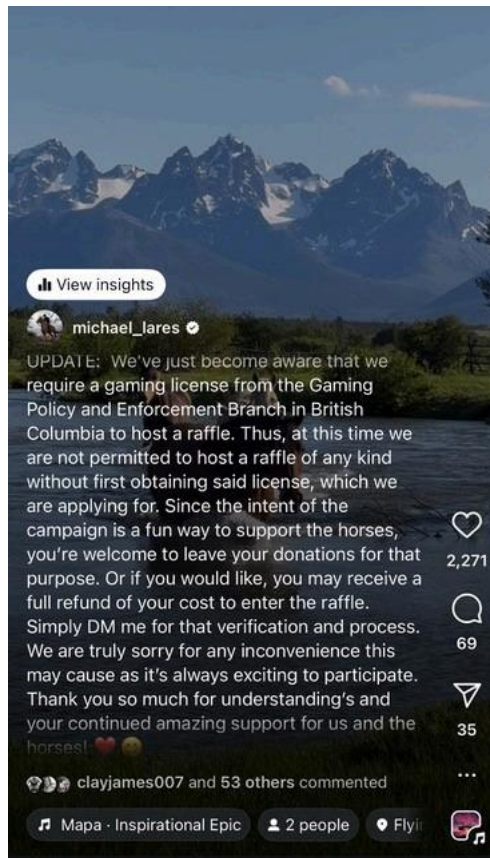
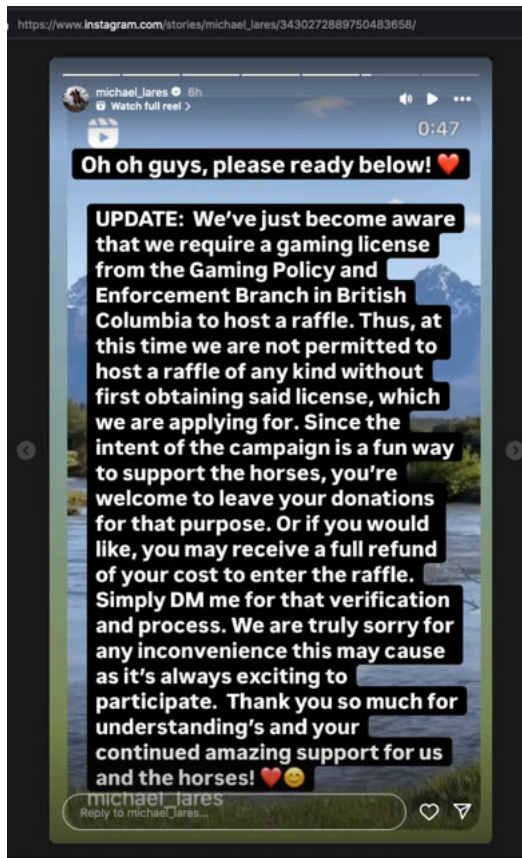
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**Re: Flying L Ranch (attaching video 1 of 2)**

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**From** s. 22  
**Date** Thu 8/8/2024 7:24 AM  
**To** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

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Outlook-qesvfbvj; 20240801 Raffle No 2 (video 1).mp4;

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:38 PM  
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I assume the 1<sup>st</sup> video reached you as I did not receive any kind of automatic rejection reply. So, the 2<sup>nd</sup> one is attached here.

Do let me know that you received these without issue.

Best regards

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## Unlicensed Raffle Warning Letter

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**From** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

**Date** Thu 8/8/2024 9:08 AM

**To** michael@flyinglranch.ca <michael@flyinglranch.ca>

 1 attachments (156 KB)

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**From** Microsoft Outlook <MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@bcgov.onmicrosoft.com>

**Date** Thu 8/8/2024 9:08 AM

**To** michael@flyingl ranch.ca <IMCEAUNDEFINED-michael+40flyingl ranch+2Eca@CANP288.PROD.OUTLOOK.COM>

 1 attachments (179 KB)

Unlicensed Raffle Warning Letter;

### Delivery has failed to these recipients or groups:

[michael@flyingl ranch.ca](mailto:michael@flyingl ranch.ca) (UNDEFINED:michael@flyingl ranch.ca)

A problem occurred during the delivery of your message as there is no suitable outbound connector to handle this kind of recipient email address type.

### Diagnostic information for administrators:

Generating server: YQBP288MB0015.CANP288.PROD.OUTLOOK.COM

IMCEAUNDEFINED-michael+40flyingl ranch+2Eca@CANP288.PROD.OUTLOOK.COM

Remote server returned '550 5.4.103 ROUTING.NoConnectorForAddressType; unable to route for address type'

#### Original message headers:

Authentication-Results: dkim=none (message not signed)  
header.d=none;dmarc=none action=none header.from=gov.bc.ca;  
Received: from YT4P288MB0422.CANP288.PROD.OUTLOOK.COM (2603:10b6:b01:104::5)  
by YQBP288MB0015.CANP288.PROD.OUTLOOK.COM (2603:10b6:c01:42::6) with  
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: binary  
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To: "michael@flyingl ranch.ca"  
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Thread-Topic: Unlicensed Raffle Warning Letter  
Thread-Index: AQHa6adDUXNW7e4RwU2IAj/UhX0SpA==



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## Flying "L" Ranch unlicensed raffles - follow up

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**From** s. 22

**Date** Mon 8/12/2024 10:47 AM

**To** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

 1 attachments (2 MB)

20240812 letter to GPEB Inspector Bohanan.pdf;

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**Re: Flying "L" Ranch unlicensed raffles - follow up**

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**From** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

**Date** Mon 8/12/2024 1:42 PM

**To** s. 22

Hello,

Thank you for your further information. As this is an ongoing investigation I am unable to provide you with our course of action, but can ensure you all of your concerns and suggestions will be taken into consideration. Several suggests outside the scope of Gambling in British Columbia such as ordering a person on how to run their social media, or not to collect donations can not be addressed given the nature of those matters.

Although I can provide you with little information I will advise you our course of action, and the actions of the Subject of Complaint may not be overtly obvious given your limited view of the matter through social media.

The Gaming Policy Enforcement Branch's goal is to educate and gain compliance often with the cooperation of the Subjects being investigated.

Thank you again for your thorough information and assistance in this matter.

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**Re: Flying L Ranch**

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**Re: Flying L Ranch**

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**From** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

**Date** Wed 8/14/2024 8:24 AM

**To** Peter van der Heyden [s. 22](#)

Hello Peter,

Thank you for adding some clarification on this matter, if there is any serious action taken you will be made aware. I have spoken to [s. 22](#) extensively and assumed that is where you received my contact information. He has been of assistance, but has no vested interest as a complainant and will not be provided with further information during an ongoing investigation.

Regards,

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**From:** Peter van der Heyden [s. 22](#)

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 3:51 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Flying L Ranch

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Hello Chad,

Thanks for speaking with me this morning. Just after we spoke I was contacted by a [s. 22](#)

Evidently Mr. Lares's actions and behaviours with these raffles have attracted the attention of other people. [s. 22](#)

I have attached the following documents:

- Flying "L" Ranch Ltd. Incorporation Agreement and Articles
- Flying "L" Ranch Ltd. Notice of Articles
- Copy of my passport
- Title to District Lot 383 (showing the land is owned by Flying "L" Ranch Ltd.)

-[s. 22](#)

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I have attached more than what you asked for, to provide some more background information for your review. If you require any additional information, please advise.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you are at liberty to keep me informed of your investigation, that would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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## Flying L Michael Lares

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**From** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date** Thu 8/15/2024 11:48 AM  
**To** glen.edwards@rcmp-grc.gc.ca <glen.edwards@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Hello Glen,

I understand you are currently on leave, but would love to chat with you once you are back. I am an investigator with the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch and have received multiple complaints about Michael Lares conducting illegal raffles. Upon contacting him he has been open and compliant and I can clearly see there is some ongoing drama for lack of a better word with several people in the community. I have spoken with the co owner of the ranch Peter, and just wanted to have a quick chat with you before concluding my file.

Let me know when you are back and settled in and we can have a brief conversation.

Cheers,

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**From** Peter van der Heyden [s. 22](#)

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**To** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

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Hello Chad,

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Thank you,

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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Re: Unlicensed Raffle Warning Letter

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Mr. Bohanan,

Just following up on this matter to see if there has been anything further.

Regards,

**Michael D. Lares**

**Flying "L" Ranch LTD.**  
Box 10, Nemiah Valley  
British Columbia, Canada  
VOL 1X0

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Regards,

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Text found at link referenced above:

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June 18, 2022

Join us in the 1st Challenger fund challenge! 😊

Challenge rules:

- Anyone can donate worldwide via PayPal or by eTransfer in Canada.
- To qualify for the challenge contest you must donate a minimum of \$100 CA to become a “Primary donor” but all levels of donations are absolutely welcome.
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In Canada eTransfer is to the Flying L Ranch at michael@flyinglranch.ca

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This award is transferable. 👍 Don't hesitate to inquire for further details or if you have any questions.

All donation participants however large or small will be entered in a raffle for other gifts and prizes.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 9:41 AM

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**Subject:** Re: Flying "L" Ranch unlicensed raffles - follow up

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I hope I conveyed that, not fully understanding the scope of GPEB, I may have made recommendations exceeding that scope, and in doing so I trust no offence was taken. Thanks for the clarifications.

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**To** s. 22

Hello s. 22

I can advise you that after a lengthy investigation this file and all files associated are concluded. The operator of the illegal raffles was compliant and it appears all activity has stopped. I lengthy conversation with the RCMP in the region shed a lot of light on what appears to be a civil matter that has gone sideways and seems they have formed factions against each other. I will withhold opinion on the operations and best practices of the facility, but they have complied with all RCMP and GPEB direction throughout.

I want to thank you again for all your detailed information during the course of this.

Regards,

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**From** s. 22

**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2024 8:44 AM

**To:** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Re: Flying "L" Ranch unlicensed raffles - follow up

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Hello,

I am writing with a follow up inquiry as well as some additional information in respect to Michael Lares' history of conducting illegal gaming activities.

**Inquiry:** Is GPEB able to inform me if this investigation ongoing or has been concluded. If the investigation has concluded can GPEB share the results with the public on request, or alternatively is GPEB subject to a Freedom of Information request for such information?

**Additional Information:** I though GPEB should be aware, if it is not already, that Michael Lares' illegal gaming activities date back to at least June 18, 2022. On that date Mr. Lares published on Instagram what he called the "1st Challenger Fund Challenge" (<https://www.instagram.com/reel/Ce9zYE7JH1y/>). You will see in the text (verbatim below) that Canadians participant in this contest are encouraged to eTransfer funds directly to Mr. Lares, or via PayPal for non-Canadian participants. The prize of a stay at the ranch is has a self-stated value of CAN\$4000. Absent are any means of assuring fairness, transparency, or accountability, etc.

On a more positive note, as far as I can tell the result of the GPEB's investigations is that Mr. Lares appears to have ceased illegal gaming activities.

Once again, please accept my thanks and gratitude for your efforts in this matter.

Respectfully,

s. 22

Text found at link referenced above:

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June 18, 2022

Join us in the 1st Challenger fund challenge! 😊

Challenge rules:

- Anyone can donate worldwide via PayPal or by eTransfer in Canada.
- To qualify for the challenge contest you must donate a minimum of \$100 CA to become a “Primary donor” but all levels of donations are absolutely welcome.
- Once you donate a minimal \$100 you will be notified by email and given an identifying code as a primary donor. If you have other donors who would like to donate to the cause in your name, they can use your code to credit said donation to your account total.
- Your donors can donate any amount in any increments but must state your code in the notes on the donation platform to properly allocate the credit.
- Those donations will then be credited to your account and tallied daily and reported to you with your standing against other donors.
- The challenge will end on July 3, 2022 at the Williams Lake Stampede and the winner with the highest total donation amount as well as the total on the campaign will be announced at the end of the rodeo via IG Live platform. 🍷
- The winner will be awarded a fully paid 3 night 4 day stay package with all amenities for two here at the Flying L Ranch. A value of over \$4,000.00 CA. Sorry travel is not included. 😊

In Canada eTransfer is to the Flying L Ranch at michael@flyinglranch.ca

For the US and international markets the PayPal link is in the bio.

This award is transferable. 👍 Don't hesitate to inquire for further details or if you have any questions.

All donation participants however large or small will be entered in a raffle for other gifts and prizes.

The contest starts now and we thank you in advance for assisting us with this wonderful effort, the Challenger fund! 🙌 RIP Challenger!

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**From** s. 22

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 9:41 AM

**To:** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Re: Flying "L" Ranch unlicensed raffles - follow up

Hello,

Thank you for your reply.

Although I can write coherently, read some GPEB publications, and grab images and videos, you are completely correct that I have a very limited view of the GPEB investigation process in this matter, garnished via social media (and I am neither a social media expert nor fan).

I hope I conveyed that, not fully understanding the scope of GPEB, I may have made recommendations exceeding that scope, and in doing so I trust no offence was taken. Thanks for the clarifications.

Still, I appreciate the acknowledgement of my submissions.

If I had to summarize my main concern it would be that Flying "L" Ranch ought not to benefit financially from having held unlicensed raffles, which would be the case if ticket payments are retained by the company because payees had to somehow find out they must take action and apply to opt-in for a refund rather than be notified that refunds will be forthcoming unless payees give notice to opt-out of receiving their refund (by a certain date).

Finally, I will try to somehow figure out how to contact Mr. van der Heyden, the other director of Flying "L" Ranch Ltd., to inform him there's an investigation and to suggest he may wish to contact you.

Thank you once again.

Respectfully,

s. 22

PS: Is there some means by which I can find out the end result of a GPEB investigation? Are these things published?

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**From:** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 4:42 PM

**To** s. 22

**Subject:** Re: Flying "L" Ranch unlicensed raffles - follow up

Hello,

Thank you for your further information. As this is an ongoing investigation I am unable to provide you with our course of action, but can ensure you all of your concerns and suggestions will be taken into consideration. Several suggests outside the scope of Gambling in British Columbia such as ordering a person on how to run their social media, or not to collect donations can not be addressed given the nature of those matters.

Although I can provide you with little information I will advise you our course of action, and the actions of the Subject of Complaint may not be overtly obvious given your limited view of the matter through social media.

The Gaming Policy Enforcement Branch's goal is to educate and gain compliance often with the cooperation of the Subjects being investigated.

Thank you again for your thorough information and assistance in this matter.

*Chad Bohanan*

*Investigator, Northern Region*

Special Provincial Constable

-Enforcement Division-

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**From** s. 22

**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 10:47 AM

**To:** Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Flying "L" Ranch unlicensed raffles - follow up

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Hello Mr. Bohanan,

I wanted to write with my thanks for taking an interest in this matter.

I assume it was your initial action contacting Mr. Lares that resulted in his posting an Instagram story video acknowledging a gaming license is required and cancelling the current raffle.

Mr. Lares' posting raises a number of concerns. Please review the attached submission, the length of which I apologies for.

Best regards, and thank you once again!

## Raffle Compliant

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From Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX <Chad.Bohanan@gov.bc.ca>

Date Wed 8/7/2024 9:30 AM

To michael@flyinglranch.ca <michael@flyinglranch.ca>

Hello Mr. Lares,

As an investigator for the Gaming Policy Enforcement Branch, I am tasked with investigating and responding to complaints about unlicensed raffles and other illegal activities with a nexus to gaming. I have received several complaints regarding possible raffle activity on the Flying L ranch website and social media pages. [s. 22](#)

Feel free to call me at the number indicated in my email signature or respond via email.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Regards,

*Chad Bohanan*

*Investigator, Northern Region*

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# Gaming Information and Services



## Occurrence Details

### Submission Information ▲

<b>* Status:</b>	Concluded	<b>Occurrence #:</b>	141687
<b>Assigned To:</b>	CBohanan	<b>* File Created:</b>	Yes
Work Queue:		<b>File #:</b>	138869
<b>Bring Forward Date:</b>	31-Dec-2024	<b>Form Date:</b>	04-Jul-2024
<b>* Source Type:</b>	Section 86 - Manual	<b>* Received Date:</b>	04-Jul-2024
<b>* Region:</b>	Northern	<b>Occurrence Date/Time:</b>	: AM
<b>* Type:</b>	General	<b>Destroy Date:</b>	19-Oct-2031 <b>Do Not Destroy</b>
<b>* Reported Risk Level</b>	Low		

### Complainant / Submitted By ▲

#### ID Tag # or GBC ID:

<b>* Name</b>	<b>ID Tag # Service Provider</b>
GAMING POLICY & ENFORCEMENT BRANCH (GPEB)	

### Occurrence Location ▲

<b>* Site Location:</b>	<b>Site Location Other:</b>
Low	GPEB

### Occurrence Details ▲

#### Synopsis:

Illegal Gambling - Michael Lares, Flying L Ranch

#### Occurrence:

#### Details:

Incident Synopsis: GPEB received complaints regarding unlicensed raffles conducted by the Flying L Ranch, specifically Michael LARES. The complainants detailed the raffles and offered an opportunity to attend the guest ranch. They provided screenshots of raffle activity, PayPal information, and other supporting information. The related complaints (139454,138859, 139573) were concluded in GOS and linked to this occurrence as the master file. All investigative materials are included in this GOS report. GPEB Action Taken: SPC BOHANAN reviewed all aspects of the complaint, including the extensive information provided by COM <sup>s. 22</sup> Open-source investigations confirmed the presence of unlicensed raffles conducted by Mr. LARES on behalf of the Flying L Ranch. SPC BOHANAN contacted the SOC Michael LARES about the raffle he was operating. LARES was honest and forthright, admitting he was fundraising for the ranch. When advised that the activity observed during the investigation was illegal, Mr. LARES was immediately responsive and cooperative. He ceased all activity, posted on the social media pages he operates that the activity was unlicensed, and offered refunds to participants. When a refund was offered through the Flying L Ranch social media page, only one participant requested their money back. Following the warning letter, a subsequent search of the Flying L Ranch social media pages shows no signs of unlicensed raffle activity. LARES was receptive and responsive to the information provided in the warning letter. He took immediate action. No further action by GPEB is required. \*Detailed Investigation log attached. S/Cst Bohanan Supervisor Review: <sup>s. 22</sup>

<sup>s. 22</sup> - The COM <sup>s. 22</sup> expressed to S/Cst Bohanan that he was unsatisfied with a warning letter and wanted further action. Based on the above notes, S/Cst Parks reviewed the file and confirmed the following -The GPEB investigation was limited to illegal gambling allegations as per GPEB's mandate. -The choice of S/Cst Bohanan to issue a written warning was appropriate and in line with GPEB's response to similar events. S/Cst Parks #938 Regional Director GPEB Enforcement

**Section 86 Web Subjects ▲**

**Subject Type Name Address Type Address**

**Subjects ▲**

Subject Type	Name	Address	Phone #	SID #
Subject of Complaint	Lares, Michael <sup>s. 22</sup>	Nemiah Valley, Alexis Creek, BC, Canada, VOL 1A0	250-302-2989	
Reported By				

**Referral Information ▲**

**Incident Referred To:**

**Reason for Referral:**

**Referral Outcome:**

**Referral To**

**Reason Outcome**

**Counterfeit Details ▼**

**Cash Transactions ▼**

**Police Details ▲**

**Police Called:**                      **Police Force Name:** **Investigating Officer Name:**

**Police File #:** **Badge #:** **BCLC Case #:**              **I-Trak #:**                                      **SOR #:**

**Exhibit Details ▼**

**Supporting Documents ▲**

**\* Type:**

**\* Attach:**

No file chosen

Occurrence Supporting Material

Letters

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Inv Report and Findings

**Related Files ▲**

**\* File #:**

138859

139454

139573

**Related Occurrences ▲**

<b>File #</b>	<b>Occurrence #</b>	<b>Source Type</b>	<b>Created</b>	<b>Status</b>
139454	142244	Complaint-Web	01-Aug-2024	Concluded

138859 141677  
139573 142375

Section 86 - Manual 04-Jul-2024 Concluded  
Section 86 - Manual 07-Aug-2024 Concluded

**File Statistics** ▲

**Scored By:** GPEB

**\* Concluded Risk Level:** Low

**\* Was GPEB contacted in real-time?**  No  
 Yes

**\* Is there a Complainant?**  No  
 Yes

**\* Were they Notified?**  No  
 Yes

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<b>*Category:</b>	<b>*Offence:</b>	<b>*Sub-Type:</b>	<b>Other Description:</b>	<b>Cleared:</b>
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Illegal Gambling	Illegal Lottery	Ticket Raffles		Warning - Written
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**From:** [Gagnon, Debra GPEB:EX](#)  
**To:** [Montgomery, Philip GPEB:EX](#); [Kipling, Rachel GPEB:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Flying L Ranch - yet another "Raffle"  
**Date:** August 7, 2024 10:11:01 AM  
**Attachments:** [20240404 Betting Game Screenshot BEGIN 1.png](#)  
[20240404 Betting Game Screenshot BEGIN 2.png](#)  
[20240404 Betting Game Screenshot BEGIN 3.png](#)  
[20240404 Betting Game Screenshot MIDDLE.png](#)  
[20240404 Betting Game Screenshot STOP.png](#)  
[20240704 Initial request to Gaming Branch.pdf](#)  
[20240801 Michael Lares Illegal Raffle Images for Enforcement.pdf](#)

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Update, these files have all now been assigned to Chad Bohanan, I believe there are 4 complaints in total and all have been linked and assigned to Chad.

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Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch  
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Ph: (778) 405-9365

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**From:** Gagnon, Debra GPEB:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 9:32 AM  
**To:** Montgomery, Philip GPEB:EX <[Philip.Montgomery@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Philip.Montgomery@gov.bc.ca)>; Kipling, Rachel GPEB:EX <[Rachel.Kipling@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rachel.Kipling@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Flying L Ranch - yet another "Raffle"

Hi Philip and Rachel,

I am forward this email that I received from a gentleman, [s. 22](#), who we had opened a complaint file some time back for with respect to the Flying L Ranch. As [s. 22](#) had emailed me directly and copied Cary on the email I thought I would sent along to you as you might be asked by Cary about this email. The original file from [s. 22](#) was opened on July 4<sup>th</sup> under file 138869 in the Northern Queue, which does not appear to be assigned as yet.

I will open a new file for this complaint and link it to the original file.

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**From:** [s. 22](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 2, 2024 8:09 AM  
**To:** Gagnon, Debra GPEB:EX <[Debra.Gagnon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Debra.Gagnon@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Skrine, Cary J GPEB:EX <[Cary.Skrine@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cary.Skrine@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Flying L Ranch - yet another "Raffle"

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Hello Debra,

I hope you don't mind I have cc'd Cary Skrine who, I gather, is the Executive Director in the Enforcement Division overseeing Investigations. I've done so because I believe the matter to be of significant importance and urgency requiring immediate action because Michael Lares of Flying "L" Ranch is currently operating yet another unlicensed "raffle" for which there are no controls, transparency, or accountability. Additionally, I discovered Mr. Lares held a "guessing game" type of gambling event in April of this year, prior to the the one I reported on July 2, 2024, in which Mr. Lares solicited \$15 bets (entries) on when 5 horses would give birth in order to allegedly win \$1,000 and all expenses paid at the ranch.

If these activities of Mr. Lares are in violation of BC Gaming regulations and were held without license, which I suspect is the case, then Mr. Lares must be stopped and not just warned to cease and desist but also be fined for repeated violations and as a disincentive because otherwise he will continue to repeatedly violate the regulations with the impunity he clearly feels he has.

Let me explain and provide some documentation.

For reference I have attached a PDF of my July 2, 2024 email that led to a file being opened (which I understand is at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> complaint regarding that activity of Flying L Ranch).

#### **Current "Win a Trip Raffle":**

On or about August 1, 2024 Mr. Lares posted a "Win a Trip" raffle on Instagram. The URLs are: [https://www.instagram.com/stories/michale\\_lares/3424670841601353748/](https://www.instagram.com/stories/michale_lares/3424670841601353748/), as well as [https://www.instagram.com/stories/michael\\_lares/3424763866062847773/](https://www.instagram.com/stories/michael_lares/3424763866062847773/).

One needs an Instagram account that has not been "blocked" by Mr. Lares in order to view these Instagram "stories". Further, I understand Instagram "stories" like these disappear after 24 hours. I have preserved these Instagram "story" videos should you require.

Three (3) screenshots from those Instagram video "stories" are found in the attached PDF "20240801 Michael Lares Illegal Raffle Images for Enforcement.pdf". The first and second screenshots show the invitations to "Win a trip for two at the ranch" and to "Win a trip for two" respectively. Clicking on either of those invitations reveals a "Visit link" pop-up which, when selected, opens a new browser window to the same PayPal page as depicted in the third image.

Please note the text on the PayPal page clearly states "**Donate to Flying L Ranch LTD**" and allows for payments of any amount and additionally, if selected, turning that into recurring monthly donations in the amount specified. As with the July 2, 2024 complaint I submitted the same is true here:

- entry tickets are NOT issued to payees on purchase
- there is no way for a payee to know if purchases in increments of \$25 will result in multiple entries (\$25/each) or just one entry with anything over \$25 considered a "donation", or whether the purchase will result in any entry at all
- there is no tracking, transparency, accountability, no statement on chances of winning, or any information at all to know what happens with payments

there is no way for the public, including participants, to know anything about the operation or results of the "raffle"

In his appeal for participant to purchase "entries" Mr. Lares has provided nothing to assure the "raffle" is handled fairly and honourably and in accordance with regulations, or how the funds received are used. Given the complete lack of information or accountability, it is likely, and not unreasonable to conclude, Mr. Lares and Flying L Ranch simply pockets the money thus received.

### **Betting Game on Foal Birthing Dates:**

On or about April 4, 2024 Michael Lares held a betting game to "Guess our five expecting mares [sic] foal birthdates" and offering a prize of "\$1,000 cash for travel and all expenses at the ranch covered". Three weeks later, on or about April 25, 2024, Mr. Lares closed the guessing game.

The Instagram video posting is found at <https://www.instagram.com/reel/C5J7br0SrmC/>. I have preserved this as well should it be required.

As with the two aforementioned "raffles" there are no controls whatsoever. The only differences are:

- payment of \$15 per "entry" rather than \$25
- payments are solicited via eTransfer directly to Mr. Lares himself, in addition to the use of PayPal.

The initial post by Mr. Lares reads as follows (the references to the number of weeks at the end of each post are relative to August 1, 2024):

*Let's have some fun and support the horses!*

*The GUESS OUR FIVE EXPECTING MARES FOALS BIRTHDAYS Contest starts now.*

*WIN: An all expenses paid trip for two to the Flying L Ranch. That comes in the form of \$1000 cash for travel and all expenses at the ranch covered.*

*CONTEST RULES: Simply follow the PayPal link in our bio, our stories or if in Canada eTransfer to [michael@flyinglranh.ca](mailto:michael@flyinglranh.ca) and purchase as many \$15 entries as you like. No limits to entries.*

*Once received we will email you the online entry form where you will choose from the automated calendar 5 dates, one for each expecting Mare of when you think they may give birth and electronically submit the form. It's super easy and again you can enter as many times as you like. Choose different dates at \$15 per submission to increase your chance to come see us and the horses! 🤔*

*Lots of fun and all proceeds go to the benefit of the horses and our new foals coming this spring. Which seems to be coming early as some of our mares look ready to drop!*

*Have fun going back in our content and on our Patreon page to see when we bred our Mares to get the most information of when they may foal.*

*Good luck to all our contestants and thank you in advance for all the support! ❤️*

*#flyinglranh #flying\_L\_ranah  
#portaltothemajesticandwild*

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And the final post from Mr. Lares closing the contest reads as follows:

*Contest closed as of this morning as we had three babies born in the wee hours! Squeegee-filly, Sienna-filly and Duchess-stud colt! Stay tuned for details on the outcome for a winner!*  
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Here are some screenshots from the **Betting Game on Foal Birthdates** video:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/C5J7br0SrmC/

**michael\_lares** • Follow  
Sneha • So This Is Love (feat. ConTejas)

**michael\_lares** 17w  
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#flyingl ranch #flying\_l\_ranch



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**Win a trip to the ranch!  
Contest details in the  
captions!**



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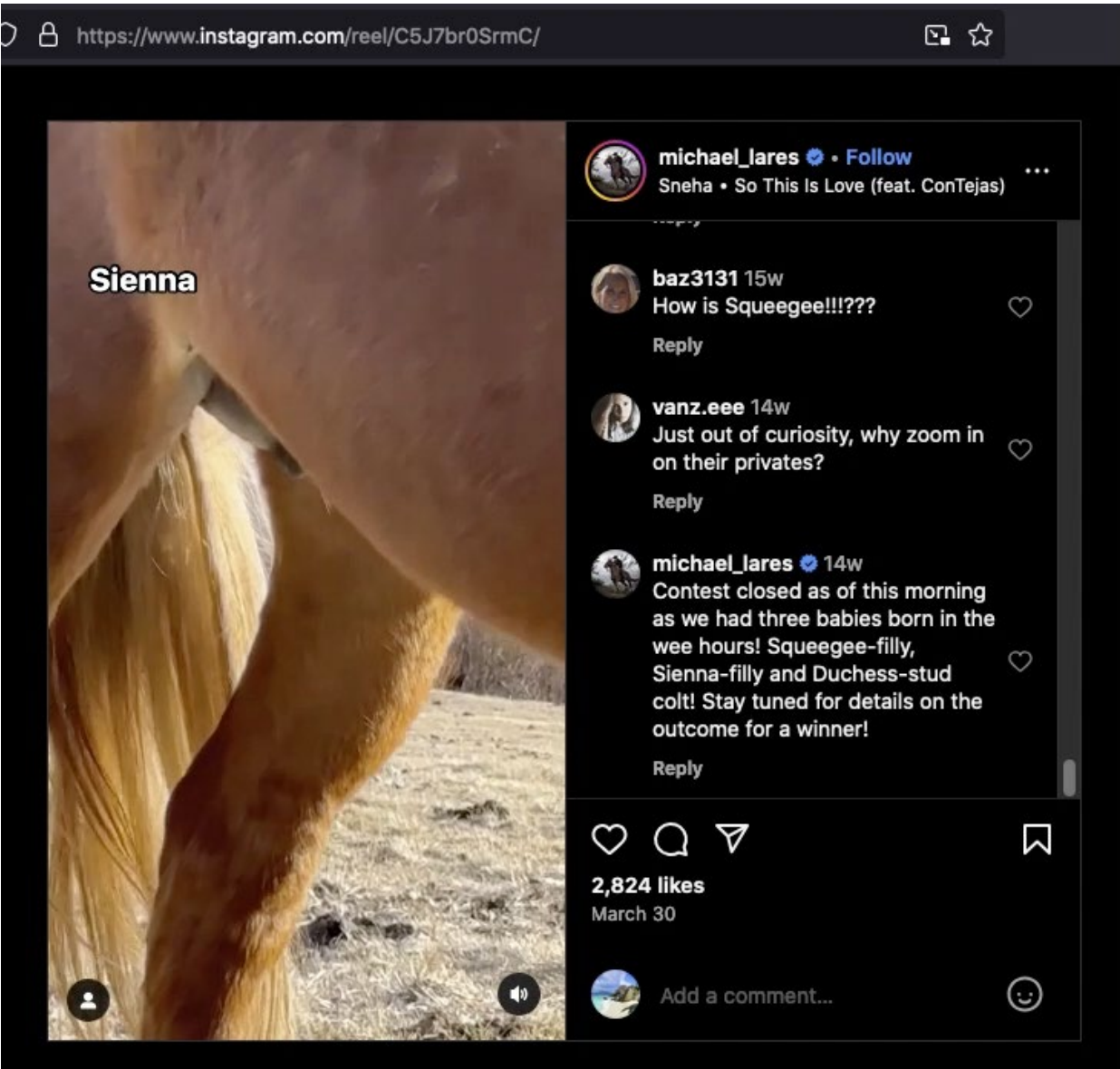
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**Summary:**

I have provided the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch with reasonable evidence that Mr. Lares and Flying "L" Ranch has, on at least 3 occasions in 2024, operated some form of gaming/gambling requiring licenses which have not been applied for or issued (betting game, "raffles"). One of these is currently in progress.

I believe there is some urgency to investigate as it is clear Mr. Lares will continue to operate various forms of gaming/gambling absent investigation and sufficient fines.

Should investigations confirm Mr. Lares has been operating in violation of regulations, it will require fines to stop Mr. Lares from future repeat offences as a "warning" will be perceived as no more than the irritation of a slap on the wrists.

I have preserved the videos referenced above and will make these available to you at your request.

Finally, I thank you for your time, interest, and actions in this matter.

Best regards,

s. 22

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**From:** Gagnon, Debra GPEB:EX <[Debra.Gagnon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Debra.Gagnon@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 6:45 PM

**To:** s. 22

**Subject:** Flying L Ranch

Hello s. 22

A file was opened with respect to your concerns about the Flying L Ranch, this is the second complaint filed today with respect to the activities on the Flying L Ranch. We confirm these files will be assigned to an investigator who will look into this matter.

We thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Regards,

Enforcement Intake Clerk

Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch