



## Three convicted Cape Cod gamblers remain free

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Although three Cape men were scheduled to be sentenced in a federal gambling case by Dec. 22, there had been no action by Thursday, according to court records.

In April, Adam Hart, 85, and William Neofotistos, 60, both of Dennis, and Timothy Reardon, 33, of Barnstable, pleaded guilty to operating an illegal sports betting business. They operated the business from 2000 to 2009, making more than \$2,000 per day, according to court records.

Hart and Neofotistos also pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice.

At the time, Chief Judge Mark Wolf set their sentencing date for Sept. 22. But in September, U.S. attorneys and lawyers for the three men agreed to postpone their sentencing for up to 90 days so that prosecutors could continue to investigate the gambling ring, records state.

The case has gained notoriety because for more than a year, rumors have swirled that Cape and Islands District Attorney Michael O'Keefe tipped off the gamblers in 2006, leading them to shut down their business for around six months.

In proceedings against the three men, U.S. Attorney Fred Wyshak Jr. said a customer of the men was tipped off by a friend who was an elected official in the Cape and Islands district attorney's office that they were the subject of an investigation.

O'Keefe is the only elected official in that office.

O'Keefe has repeatedly and vehemently denied the accusations, stating he is under scrutiny because he had a conversation with Hart about charges against Hart's grandson.

The filed continuance says the matter remains under investigation and that "the defendants' plea agreements require the defendants to cooperate with the United States."

So far there has been no action on the sentences, and the men are free in the meantime.

"We have to rely on the court to give us a date "» and we haven't had one," Christina Dilorio-Sterling, spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz's office, said.

Each charge could bring a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, Dilorio-Sterling said.

As part of the gambling case, the men also had to forfeit nearly \$800,000 in cash, records state.

Robert George, attorney for Hart and Reardon, declined to comment on the lack of a sentencing date.

Andrew Berman, who represents Neofotistos, did not return messages seeking comment.