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**Grandfather Arrested on Child Abuse Charges**

Albuquerque – Johnny L. Collins, 65, of Albuquerque was arrested this week on two counts of child abuse.

State Police were called to the Route 66 Casino Tuesday afternoon to investigate a child abuse case. Through interviews and review of the casinos surveillance videos, the officers learned Collins arrived at the Route 66 Casino just before 10:40 AM in his van. Around 1:00 PM witnesses reported two small children in Collins van to security, when security confirmed the information the children were quickly removed and taken inside for medical attention.

Collins was babysitting his grandchildren while his daughter was working in Albuquerque; however, his urge to gamble got to him. The four-year-old granddaughter and the one-year-old grandson were returned to their mother. Johnny L. Collins was later booked into the Metro Detention Center and will face two third degree felony charges of Child Abuse.

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