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### Statement of Nat Winn

President, Greenetrack

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Today, the State of Alabama was ordered to return the electronic bingo machines and the property seized from Greenetrack's premises on June 1, 2011. The Alabama Supreme Court appointed a Special Circuit Judge from Jefferson County to consider a search warrant application for the electronic bingo machines in operation in Greene County. Judge Houston Brown found that the law enforcement officer responsible for obtaining the search warrant presented false and misleading statements to him in order to obtain the search warrant. Judge Brown also found that the State's "expert" was not actually qualified under Alabama law to render an opinion in this case. Finally, Judge Brown determined that the so-called "expert" misstated facts in order to obtain the warrant.

Attorney General Luther Strange and Governor Robert Bentley have repeatedly stated in the press that they wanted a court to decide the issue of electronic bingo in Greene County. Today, a court has done just that. Will Governor Bentley and Attorney General Strange continue to deny the people of Greene County their constitutional rights and waste the State's scarce financial resources, or will Governor Bentley and Attorney General Strange stand by their promises and follow the court's unequivocal decision?

The Constitution gave the citizens of Greene County the right to vote—on their judges, their sheriff, their district attorney, and electronic bingo. At the end of the day, this case is not about bingo, it is about the willingness of those in authority to violate the fundamental rights of the citizens of Greene County. We will wait to see if the Governor and the Attorney General are men of their word.

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