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Since Macau's liberalization of the gaming industry rights in 2002, a large number of floating populations have emerged at casinos in Macau. This contributes to the increase in organized crime activity, and adds to the complexity of these crimes as gaming-related crime evolves in the casino. Gaming-related crimes went global with a lot of criminals from Mainland China. The Macau SAR government should not rely solely on the gaming company's self monitoring. There is a need to strengthen appropriate scientific and technological equipment and personnel monitoring in the casino, in order to cope with the endless stream of the criminal operations (modus operandi).

After Macau's liberalization of the gaming industry rights, the related research topics have not been changed or systematically updated in time. With the development of Macau society, where violent crime gradually transformed into organized crime, that is economic crime based. Macau SAR needs to update and start new study in this field.

This paper carries several research perspectives and suggests a healthy trend of development for next 10-years in the Macau gaming industry. Those suggestions are to plug the loopholes of casino lending and casino intermediaries of the legal system, to enhance the criminal intelligence exchange with neighboring regions, to coordinate with casino security intelligence exchange among the various casinos.

Key Words: *organized crime, gaming-related crime, loopholes, casino lending, casino intermediaries.*



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have lightened up my spirit to finish this study and this thesis.



***“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is
understanding.”***

Proverbs 9:10

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List of Abbreviations

CPSP	<i>Corpo de Polícia de Segurança Pública da Região Administrativa Especial de Macau</i> (Macau Public Security Police Force - 澳門治安警察局)
DICJ	<i>Direcção de Inspecção e Coordenação de Jogos RAEM</i> (Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau Macau SAR - 澳門博彩監察協調局)
DICJE	<i>Departamento de Investigação de Crimes relacionados com o Jogo e Económicos, Polícia Judiciária de Macau</i> (Gaming-related and Economic Crimes Investigation Department, Judiciary Police of the Macau SAR - 澳門司法警察局，博彩及經濟罪案調查廳)
GALAXY	Galaxy Casino, S.A. (銀河娛樂場股份有限公司)
GCS	<i>Gabinete Coordenador de Segurança</i> (Security Forces Coordination Office – 保安協調辦公室)
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
MOP	Macau Patacas (Macau's legal tender, 100 avos = 1 Patacas)
PJ	<i>Polícia Judiciária da Região Administrativa Especial de Macau</i> (Judiciary Police of the Macau SAR - 澳門司法警察局)
Macau ZAPE	<i>Macau Zona Nova de Aterros do Porto Exterior</i> (澳門新口岸填海區)
MELCO	Melco Crown Gaming (Macau) Limited (新濠博亞博彩(澳門)股份有限公司)
MGM	MGM Grand Paradise Limited (美高梅金殿超濠股份有限公司)
SANDS	Sands Macau (澳門金沙)

SAR	Special Area Region
SJM	A subsidiary of STDM - <i>Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A.</i> (SJM Holdings Limited - 澳門博彩股份有限公司)
SPU	<i>Serviços de Polícia Unitários</i> (Unitary Police Service - 澳門警察總局)
STDM	<i>Sociedade de Turismo e Diversões de Macau, S.A.R.L.</i> (澳門娛樂有限公司)
VML	Venetian Macau Limited (威尼斯人澳門股份有限公司)
WYNN	Wynn Macau Resort, Limited (永利澳門渡假村)

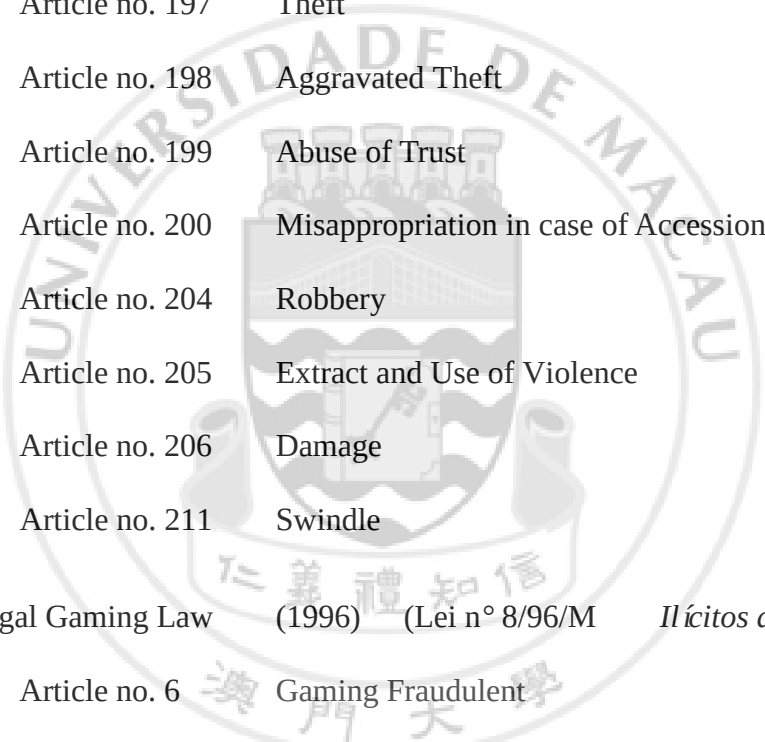


List of Statutes

Macau, SAR

Macau Basic Law

Macau Penal Code (1995) (Decree no.58/95/M *Código Penal de Macau*)



Article no. 152	Deprivation of Freedom of Movement
Article no. 197	Theft
Article no. 198	Aggravated Theft
Article no. 199	Abuse of Trust
Article no. 200	Misappropriation in case of Accession or Thing Found
Article no. 204	Robbery
Article no. 205	Extract and Use of Violence
Article no. 206	Damage
Article no. 211	Swindle

Illegal Gaming Law (1996) (Lei n° 8/96/M *Ilícitos de Jogo*)

Article no. 6	Gaming Fraudulent
Article no. 13	Usury to Gaming
Article no. 14	Demand or Acceptance of Documents

Contract of Exclusive Concession of Gaming (1998) (*Contrato de Concessão do Exclusivo dos Jogos de Fortuna ou Azar*)

Organized Crime Law (1997) (Lei n°6/97/M *Lei da Criminalidade Organizada*)

Illegal Immigrants, Illegal Stay and Deportation of Legal (2004) (*Lei n°6/2004 Lei da Imigração Ilegal e da Expulsão*)

Prevent and Deter Money Laundering Crime (2006) (*Lei n°2/2006*

Prevenção e repressão do crime de branqueamento de capitais)

Prohibition of the production, trafficking and consumption of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (2009) (*Lei n°17/2009 Proibição da produção, do tráfico e do consumo ilícitos de estupefacientes e de substâncias psicotrópicas*)

United States of America

Federal Organized Crime Control Act (1970)

Anti-System of Organized Crime Laws (1970)

Federal Republic of Germany

The Study of Organized Crime (Conducted in 1970, the mid 80s and 1992)

