

Law Enforcement Against Gambling Crime in Gorontalo City Police Area

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Abstract	Tindak pidana judi merupakan kejahatan yang terus berkembang dan berdampak negatif terhadap kehidupan sosial dan ekonomi masyarakat. Di wilayah hukum Polres Gorontalo Kota, praktik perjudian masih marak terjadi, meskipun telah dilakukan berbagai upaya penegakan hukum. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis model penegakan hukum terhadap tindak pidana judi serta mengidentifikasi faktor-faktor yang menghambat efektivitas penegakan hukum di wilayah tersebut. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode yuridis empiris dengan pendekatan kualitatif. Data diperoleh melalui studi kepustakaan serta wawancara dengan aparat kepolisian dan masyarakat setempat. Analisis dilakukan secara deskriptif untuk menggambarkan pola penegakan hukum dan kendala yang dihadapi. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa penegakan hukum terhadap tindak pidana judi di Polres Gorontalo Kota dilakukan melalui tiga pendekatan utama, yaitu represif, preventif, dan penyuluhan hukum. Tindakan represif meliputi penindakan langsung terhadap pelaku, sementara pendekatan preventif dilakukan melalui patroli rutin dan pemantauan aktivitas perjudian. Selain itu, penyuluhan hukum diberikan untuk meningkatkan kesadaran masyarakat akan dampak negatif perjudian. Namun, efektivitas penegakan hukum masih menghadapi berbagai hambatan, seperti lemahnya regulasi, keterbatasan sumber daya dan integritas aparat penegak hukum, serta budaya masyarakat yang masih permisif terhadap perjudian. Kesimpulan dari penelitian ini menekankan pentingnya pendekatan kolaboratif antara kepolisian, instansi pemerintahan, lembaga swadaya masyarakat, dan masyarakat dalam memberantas tindak pidana judi. Selain itu, diperlukan peningkatan integritas dan kapasitas aparat kepolisian dalam menjalankan tugasnya. Sebagai rekomendasi, perlu adanya regulasi yang lebih tegas serta program edukasi yang berkelanjutan guna mengurangi praktik perjudian di masyarakat.
Abstrack	<i>The crime of gambling is a continuously evolving offense that negatively impacts the social and economic life of society. In the jurisdiction of the Gorontalo City Police (Polres Gorontalo Kota), gambling practices remain prevalent despite various law enforcement efforts. This study aims to analyze the law enforcement model against gambling crimes and identify the factors that hinder the effectiveness of law enforcement in the region. This research employs an empirical juridical method with a qualitative approach. Data were obtained through literature studies and interviews with law enforcement officers and local communities. The analysis was conducted descriptively to illustrate the patterns of law enforcement and the challenges faced. The findings indicate that law enforcement against gambling crimes in the Gorontalo City Police jurisdiction is carried out through three main approaches: repressive, preventive, and legal counseling. Repressive actions involve direct enforcement against offenders, while preventive measures are implemented through routine patrols and</i>

monitoring of gambling activities. Additionally, legal counseling is provided to raise public awareness of the negative impacts of gambling. However, the effectiveness of law enforcement still faces several obstacles, such as weak regulations, limited resources and integrity of law enforcement officers, and a society that remains permissive toward gambling. The study concludes that a collaborative approach between the police, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the community is crucial in eradicating gambling crimes. Furthermore, strengthening the integrity and capacity of law enforcement officers is necessary to enhance their performance. As a recommendation, stricter regulations and continuous educational programs are needed to reduce gambling practices in society.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the provisions of Article 1 paragraph (3) of the 1945 Constitution, Indonesia is a State based on law. So that every human or community activity in carrying out its life activities must be based on the rules and regulations that apply in society.¹ Law has a diverse identity with other social rules that have the power to force to be obeyed and obeyed.² Such coercive power is called sanctions. So all the actions and behaviour of society must be based on the provisions of the applicable law, both written and unwritten law.³

The law must be upheld and enforced. Everyone expects the law to be established in the event of a concrete event, how the law should apply, basically not allowed to deviate: even if the world falls apart the law must be enforced (*fiat justitia et pereat mundus*). That is what legal certainty is all about. Legal certainty is a judicial protection against arbitrary action, which means that a person will be able to obtain something that is expected in certain circumstances. Society expects legal certainty, because with legal certainty society will be more orderly. The law has the task of creating legal certainty because it aims to realise order in society.⁴

The number of crimes that occur in Indonesian society tends to increase, and one of the factors causing the increase in the number of crimes in society is

¹ Saharuddin et al., "Tayade System Land Rights: The Concept of Unification of Customary Law and Indonesian Positive Law," IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science 1430, no. 1 (December 1, 2024): 012005, <https://doi.org/10.1088/1755-1315/1430/1/012005>.

² Sri Yunarti, "Dinamika Hukum Terkini" 6, no. 3 (2022): 1–17.

³ Doni Azhari et al., Doni Azhari, Ade Daharis, Muhammad Abduh, Ade Ari Gumilar, Rusdaya Basri, Farid Naya, M.Ihsan Darwis, Sirajul Munir, Evi Safitri Gani, Zainal Said, n.d.

⁴ Johannes Mangapul Turnip et al., "Analisis Yuridis Tindak Pidana Pembunuhan Berencana Yang Di Lakukan Oleh Anak Di Bawah Umur," *Ilmu Hukum Prima (IHP)* 7, no. 1 (2024): 118–24, <https://doi.org/10.34012/jihp.v7i1.5374>.

the economic crisis. Many people do not have a steady job and end up committing crimes to make a living, one of which is gambling, they dream of getting rich results from a job that is not too heavy.⁵ In Book II of the Criminal Code (KUHP), gambling is classified as a criminal offence. The occurrence of the crime of gambling is not solely due to people who do not obey the law and violate the rules of law that exist in society, but all of this cannot be separated from the customary system of certain tribes or regions.⁶

The crime of gambling is described in Article 303 bis paragraph (1) of the Criminal Code (KUHP), namely:

‘Shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of up to four years or a fine of up to ten million rupiahs. Whoever uses the opportunity to play gambling, which is held in violation of the provisions referred to in article 303’

With the advancement of culture and technology, the people of Gorontalo Province, especially the people of Gorontalo City, have progressed very rapidly, especially in the field of law. The behaviour of people living in society and the state is more complex, even multicompex. Such behaviour, in terms of law, there are certainly attitudes that can be classified according to the norm, and there are also behaviours that are not in accordance with the norm. This is not a problem for behaviour that is in accordance with the applicable norms (law), but behaviour that is not in accordance often causes problems in the legal realm and harms society.

One of the criminal offences found in Gorontalo City is the crime of gambling. According to article 303 paragraph 3 of the Criminal Code, gambling refers to any game in which there is a possibility of winning, generally depending on luck. the chances of winning are increased because the player is better trained or more skilled. This includes all bets on matches or other games that are not held by those participating in the race or game, as well as all other bets.

⁵ Muh. Armet and Ashabul Kahfi, “Korelasi Pemutusan Hubungan Kerja Dengan Peningkatan Kejahatan Di Masa Pandemi Covid-19,” *Alauddin Law Development Journal* 5, no. 3 (2023): 632–43, <https://doi.org/10.24252/aldev.v5i3.22312>.

⁶ Fariz Eben Ezel Sagala and Siti Mahmudah, “Perjudian Dalam Sudut Pandang Hukum Perdata,” *AL-MANHAJ: Jurnal Hukum Dan Pranata Sosial Islam* 5, no. 2 (2023): 2363–70, <https://doi.org/10.37680/almanhaj.v5i2.3889>.

The existence of the Gorontalo provincial government and police, more specifically Gorontalo City, with a variety of efforts in the form of repressive, preventive or legal remedies, is trying to deal with various forms of gambling games. One of the repressive and preventive measures taken is the responsibility of the police, who are the duty bearers of the State, to combat gambling in the legal area of Gorontalo City Police. The realisation of legal eradication regarding the crime of gambling cannot be separated from the important role of various parties, both from the Police, Prosecutors' Office, religious leaders, Village Government and Community Organisations. All parties cannot run independently without cooperation and mutual continuity in handling gambling crime in the Gorontalo Kota area. As for the researcher's observations, the roles of the parties involved are as follows:

1. Law enforcement officials (police), from the results of the relevant police observations, did not carry out meaningful policies against the perpetrators of gambling crimes in celebration places. The police only carry out their duties related to the security sector, even though in principle after the issuance of Law Number 7 of 1974 concerning Gambling Control, that gambling is no longer an offence but a criminal offence (Law Number 7 of 1974 concerning Gambling Control).
2. The role of religious figures is very important in spreading da'wah both in the mosque and elsewhere regarding the dangers of gambling among the community.
3. The village government holds power in a certain area, so that the village head has the authority and issues policies relating to community peace and comfort. The existence of gambling is felt to be quite disturbing and disturbing the peace of the community, and this must be a concern of the village government.
4. Community Organisations also have a very important role in combating the crime of gambling.

This problem is quite important due to the worsening situation, which has a more complete impact on people's lives. Gambling was previously only categorised as an offence and now gambling is classified as a criminal offence or referred to as a criminal offence.

II. METHODOLOGY

This research uses empirical juridical so it is also called field research, In this study, the type of research approach used is descriptive. This descriptive research generally aims to accurately, honestly, systematically describe and describe the symptoms that appear on the object in the field.⁷ In this study, researchers used a qualitative approach method.⁸ Types and Sources of Data, Data Sources are where various sources of data and information are collected regarding the crime of gambling in Gorontalo City Police, a data source generally has two terms, namely: (1) Primary Data, Raw data is data obtained from the field or known as data directly obtained and managed directly by researchers, such as observation results, documentation results and interview results. (2) Secondary Data, This data is obtained through literature studies by collecting legal reference books, legal regulations and some data and information obtained either through online media, print media and electronic media as references to this research information.⁹

III. RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Law Enforcement of Gorontalo City Police Station in Eradicating Gambling Crime

Gambling is a criminal offence regulated in Article 303 and Article bis 303 of the Criminal Code (KUHP), which in the article explains that:

Shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of up to ten years or a fine of up to twenty-five million rupiahs, any person who unlawfully: (1) intentionally conducts or provides an opportunity for gambling as his livelihood, or intentionally participates in a gambling company.

Meanwhile, Article 303 (bis) also explains that he shall be punished with a maximum imprisonment of four years or a maximum fine of ten million rupiahs;

⁷ Irwansyah, "Penelitian Hukum Pilihan Metode & Praktik Penulisan Artikel" (Yogyakarta: Mirra Buana Media, 2022), hlm 172.

⁸ David tan, "Metode Penelitian Hukum: Mengupas Dan Mengulas Metodologi Dalam Menyelenggarakan Penelitian Hukum," NUSANTARA: Jurnal Ilmu Pengetahuan Sosial 8, no. 5 (2021): 1332–36, <https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/490668614.pdf>.

⁹ Saharuddin Saharuddin et al., "The Assimilation and Integration Rights for Prisoners as Over Capacity Prevention Effort in the Covid-19 Pandemic," Jurnal Daulat Hukum 5, no. 3 (2022): 227, <https://doi.org/10.30659/jdh.v5i3.23032>.

whoever uses the opportunity to gamble which is held in violation of the provisions mentioned in Article 303. Related to the problem of gambling crimes that occurred in Gorontalo City, from the results of research conducted by the author starting on December 1, the author obtained data from the Police in this case the Criminal Unit of Gorontalo City Police, that gambling crimes handled by Gorontalo City Police in the last 3 years from 2020 to 2022, there were 15 cases consisting of 5 cases of togel gambling and 9 cases of card gambling.

Here the author will describe through a table regarding the enforcement of gambling crime in the jurisdiction of Gorontalo City Police through the following table:

Table: 1. Gambling Crime

No	Year	Card Gambling
1	2020	4
2	2021	-
3	2022	5
Amount		9

Data Source: Gorontalo City Police Criminal Investigation

Based on the data above, it can be seen that gambling cases are criminal cases that are rampant in the middle of the Gorontalo City community, and are also criminal cases that have increased every year and can also experience a decline. Gambling is a type of criminal act that is very worrying and disturbing to the community, which if law enforcement is not carried out properly, this can have a negative effect on society, especially the people of Gorontalo City.

From the results of an interview with Mr Randi as a Gorontalo City Police Criminal Investigator who handles gambling cases said that:

‘The bad effects that can be caused by gambling games are in the form of the emergence of social problems such as the cause of poverty, the occurrence of divorce, abandoned children and children dropping out of school, along with the emergence of a lazy culture, as well as being criminogenic, namely factors that cause a crime or facilitate the occurrence of a crime’

In order to get money for gambling, sometimes gamblers commit theft, domestic violence and even murder’. Judging from the description above that

gambling is a crime that can endanger public security and order and adversely affect the government system in Gorontalo City, law enforcement is an effort to realise the ideals of justice, legal certainty and social benefit into reality. In essence, law enforcement is a process of embodiment of ideas, therefore, law enforcement is a reality of efforts to realise the idealised editorial norms.

Satjipto Raharjo explained, law enforcement is a process to realise the wishes of the law law is the thoughts by the Law-making Body formulated in legal regulations. Then in the existing law enforcement process, it is expected to reach out to law making. In the process of formulating the law making described in the existing legal regulations can determine the behaviour of the law enforcer itself, and in the end, the enforcement process itself in its implementation rests on law enforcement officials In terms of law enforcement, the police is a State Institution that plays a very important role in efforts to create, maintain and maintain peace of life. Police actually includes actions, namely:

- 1) Repressive Measures
- 2) Coaching Efforts
- 3) Legal counselling efforts

The Gorontalo City Government and the Police have taken steps to eradicate, overcome or eradicate gambling crimes. The countermeasures need to be evaluated objectively in order to run effectively without ignoring the norms, especially the norms of decency that exist in society. In other words, we need to have an observant and in-depth observation of the social structure, the dimensions of the game of macro-social forces, so that we can be free from the dark life structure that is detrimental to society, the Nation and the State. For society, nation and state.

Based on the results of an interview with Mr Randi as a Criminal Investigator of Gorontalo City Police who said: 'It can be said that the crime of gambling in the Gorontalo Kota Police Jurisdiction is no longer troubling for the citizens of Gorontalo City because it has begun to decrease from year to year by holding counselling, both inviting community leaders, schools, as well as making banners and conducting intensive raids and so on'.

Based on Article 13 of Law Number 2 of 2002 concerning the Indonesian National Police, the main tasks of the Indonesian National Police are:

1. Maintaining security and public order.
2. Enforcing the law and providing protection, protection, and services to the community.

There are two theories of prevention of countermeasures that have been carried out including this gambling crime in particular, namely the Preventive pattern (prevention before the crime occurs) and the Repressive pattern (prevention after the crime, this crime is usually called a legal process).

In the jurisdiction of Gorontalo City Police, based on the results of interviews with the Criminal Investigation Unit of Gorontalo City Police, prevention and countermeasures in the Preventive crime of gambling, the Gorontalo City Police strives through:

1. Appeal to community members through local officials (subdistrict and village) at various meetings to remain vigilant against possible disturbances from those responsible.
2. Create a programme of legal education for youth organisations such as Karang Taruna, schools, by involving various elements of the community, namely traditional leaders, religious leaders carried out in each sub-district and village
3. Empowering other social institutions to participate in anti-crime campaigns such as the anti-drug, anti-malcohol and gambling movements in each sub-district and kelurahan.

Meanwhile, according to the results of the interview with the Head of Criminal Investigation Unit of Gorontalo City Police, the enforcement of gambling crime in the context of prevention and crime prevention said: Every preventive measure must be followed by repressive measures. prevention The measures taken to suppress gambling crimes include:

1. Conducting intensive raids. This was done in advance in areas previously suspected of being prone to gambling crimes, togel sales outlets and youth gathering places.
2. Anyone who knows that a gambling crime has occurred based on the results of reports or complaints from the public must follow up

quickly and accurately, especially if it is immediately informed to the police.

3. If minors or school children commit gambling offences, their parents or teachers must be summoned together to prevent and provide guidance to the child or student so that they do not commit gambling offences again.

Legal counseling efforts are efforts to overcome the conditions of the situation that can be categorised as correlative criminogenic factors, by examining each initial symptom and finding the cause node that is latent potential at the source, legal counseling itself is to achieve high legal awareness in society. This can only happen if every member of society realises and lives out their rights and obligations as citizens.

This legal counselling activity in 1991 received endorsement and approval again in the GBHN which not only stated the need to increase public legal awareness, but explicitly and concretely ordered to increase legal counselling.

From the above it can be concluded that:

1. The purpose of legal counselling is to achieve high legal awareness in society.
2. The creation of high legal awareness in the community if every member of the community realises and lives the rights and obligations as citizens.
3. The achievement of high levels of legal awareness is in the context of the rule of law, justice and the protection of human dignity in accordance with the 1945 Constitution.

Efforts to increase public legal awareness with integrated legal counselling, closely related to efforts to develop legal regulations and law enforcement officials are called Trikarma (Three Main Works) legal development.

B. Factors that inhibit and constrain law enforcement by Gorontalo City Police in eradicating gambling crime

In essence, law enforcement is an activity that aims to form a law-abiding society and strives to build security, order, and public welfare. It is expected that the Indonesian National Police (Polri) as a State institution that plays a very

important role in law enforcement can provide security, order, and public welfare. However, this is not an easy thing to implement in order to create security, order and public welfare, because there are several factors that affect law enforcement in law enforcement.

Gambling is one of the dark sides of Gorontalo City's culture, in terms of its high crime rate. From the results of research conducted by the author, the types of gambling carried out in Gorontalo City are togel gambling and card gambling. In Gorontalo City, gambling is a common thing to do. Almost in every corner of the city, both day and night, we can find people from both the upper middle class and lower middle class who commit gambling crimes. From the results of research on gambling crimes at Gorontalo City Police from 2020 to 2022 based on the types of gambling crimes committed can be seen through the table as follows:

Tabel: 2 Types of Gambling Offences

No	Year	Types of Gambling Offences
1.	2020	4
2.	2021	-
3.	2022	5

Data Source: *Gorontalo City Police.*

Tabel:3. Facts of the Crime of Gambling

No	Tahun	Types of Gambling Offences
1.	2020	4
2.	2021	-
3.	2022	5

Data Source: *Gorontalo City Police.*

The table above shows that overall card gambling is still dominant compared to other types of gambling conducted by citizens of Gorontalo City. Gambling crimes are committed in public places, and gambling is not prohibited

by the surrounding community, but is ingrained in the daily lives of both parents and minors.

The results of the interview with Mrs Desi phl Reskrim Gorontalo City Police explained:

1. That the rise of gambling is caused by poor economic conditions;
2. Lack of public understanding of religious teachings;
3. Environmental conditions that accustom or at least invite people to do.

The interview result from Mr Amir as the Administration of Criminal Investigation of Gorontalo City Police explained:

1. Gambling is done not only because of economic factors, but also because of the following factor.
2. Lack of public understanding of religious teachings;
3. Environmental conditions that invite people to gamble.

From the results of the author's interviews at Gorontalo City Police, it appears that most gambling players are not only those who belong to the 'the haves' group, but consist of poor people, employees, workers or labourers with small salaries, traders, bentor drivers, drivers, and coolies with low incomes. A very low income, which can be considered insufficient to meet the needs of family members, often leads people to take shortcuts without trying hard to make a profit by gambling.

It has been explained that all forms of gambling based on the expectation of winning generally depend on luck alone and also if that expectation becomes greater due to the cleverness and habit of the player (Article 303 of the Criminal Code). So in this case it is clear that the gambling game has a bet by certain parties.

Based on the results of the author's research at Gorontalo City Police Station, all forms of gambling offences which are prohibited by legislation both by national law and religious law. On this basis, all ranks of Gorontalo City Police carry out law enforcement efforts and prevention, prevention of gambling crimes. Because gambling is prohibited and the perpetrators are processed in accordance with the applicable law, but this gambling game still often occurs in the midst of society both hidden and overtly, under the pretext of entertainment.

But there are also those who play the game on a whim just to pass the time or just to relax and opportunity after opportunity has built it into a habit, Ralph R. Greenson is put forward by Reckless as an author who distinguishes types of gamblers and consists of:

1. Normal humans, are those who gamble as a distraction or entertainment and are able to stop when they want to.
2. Professional gamblers choose their way of life as gamblers.
3. Neorotic gamblers, are those who gamble because they are driven by unreasonable needs and therefore face difficulties in stopping the habit of playing gambling.

According to the results of the author's research at Gorontalo City Police Station, the types of gambling that often occur in Gorontalo City communities are togel gambling and card gambling in the form of dominoes. This was confirmed by Mr Randi as an Investigator of Gorontalo City Police, who said: 'The forms of gambling that we often encounter or catch in Gorontalo City are togel and card gambling, under the guise of filling time, even after being searched and found strong evidence that the parties place bets in the form of money in the game'.

Interviewed one of the residents who often perform gambling crime games, namely Mr. who did not want to be named in Gorontalo City said, 'He committed the crime of gambling to find additional needs which is his livelihood so he tried his luck with gambling games, namely togel, gambling games whose results are very helpful in fulfilling daily life, making profits without waiting (Without Hard Work)'.

Because the method of conducting these gambling games is very simple, regardless of time and place, these gambling games can be carried out easily. Gambling thus multiplies in practice and form, and it can occur in cities as well as in villages. It can even be said that gambling has become rampant in people's lives and has sprung up like mushrooms after rain. Gambling offenders who have been dealt with generally admit to having committed gambling crimes, feel guilty towards their family members, and feel guilty towards the Creator.

Based on the results of an interview with Mr. Randi as an investigator who stated: that there are several obstacles or obstacles felt by the Gorontalo City

Police in enforcing gambling crimes, namely, obstacles originating from the community and the police, namely, in the form of:

1. Limited law enforcement officers, especially investigating officers at Gorontalo City Police Station, which is an obstacle in enforcing gambling crimes.
2. The lack of facilities and infrastructure in operational costs to overcome gambling crimes, when compared to the development of crime in general which tends to always grow both in quantity and modus operandi which is difficult to detect early because the mode follows the development of science and technology.
3. Gambling is not sedentary or moves from place to place in conducting gambling.
4. Some people do not want to be witnesses in gambling crime cases.
5. There is still a lack of public awareness to report gambling crimes that are detrimental to the community and the perpetrators themselves.

Meanwhile, based on the author's interview with Mr. Randi as an investigator who stated: there are several obstacles or constraints experienced by Gorontalo City Police in law enforcement of gambling crimes, obstacles and constraints originating from the community and the police, which are as follows:

1. Lack of Budget for law enforcement of gambling crime
2. Lack of mastery of information technology by investigators in revealing the perpetrators of gambling crimes
3. Insufficient number of personnel in enforcing the law of gambling crimes
4. Limited facilities and infrastructure

Soerjono Soekanto ¹⁰ using the barometer model of effectiveness in law enforcement on five points, namely:

1. Legal Factors, Law functions for justice, certainty and expediency. In the practice of implementing law in the field, there are times when there is a conflict between legal certainty and justice. Legal certainty

¹⁰ Soerjono Soekanto, "Efektivitas Hukum Dan Penerapan Sanksi." (Bandung.: CV. Ramadja Karya., 1988), hlm 305.

is concrete and tangible, while justice is abstract so that when a judge decides a case by applying the law alone, there are times when the value of justice is not achieved. So when looking at a problem regarding the law, at least justice is the top priority. Because the law is not solely seen from the point of view of written law alone.

2. **Law Enforcement Factors** Working in a law, the mentality or personality of law enforcement officers plays an important role, if the rules are good, but the quality of the officers is not good, there is a problem. So far there has been a strong tendency among the public to interpret the law as an officer or law enforcement, meaning that the law is identified with the real behavior of officers or law enforcement. Unfortunately, in exercising their authority, problems often arise due to attitudes or treatment that are seen as exceeding authority or other actions that are considered to undermine the image and authority of law enforcement. This is due to the low quality of the law enforcement officers.
3. **Supporting Facilities or Facilities**, Supporting facilities or facilities include software and hardware, According to Soerjono Soekanto, law enforcers cannot work properly, if they are not equipped with vehicles and proportional means of communication. Therefore, facilities have a very important role in law enforcement. Without these means or facilities, it will not be possible for law enforcers to harmonize their supposed role with their actual role.
4. **Community Factors** Law enforcers come from society and aim to create peace and order in society. Every citizen or group has more or less legal awareness. The problem that arises is the level of legal compliance, namely high, moderate, or lack of legal compliance. The existence of a measure of community legal compliance with the law is one of the barometers of the functioning of the law concerned.
5. **Cultural Factors**, Culture basically includes the values that underlie the applicable law, which values are abstract conceptions of what is considered good (so obeyed) and what is considered bad (so avoided). Thus, Indonesian culture is the basis or underlying customary law that applies. In addition, written law (legislation) also

applies, which is formed by certain groups in society who have the power and authority to do so. The statutory law must reflect the values that form the basis of customary law, so that the statutory law can be actively applied.

Some people still see gambling as a legacy of their ancestors and not a violation of the law, gambling is considered a culture. It is rather difficult to say that there is a certain ideology behind gambling because in various ideologies without having to be introduced by an ideology that comes from outside the community, gambling is an instinctive mechanism that seems to have existed together with the existence of a community.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The conclusion of this research shows that law enforcement carried out by Gorontalo City Police against gambling crime includes various strategies, namely repressive measures through direct action against gambling perpetrators, as well as preventive measures in the form of legal guidance and counseling to the community to increase awareness of the negative impact of gambling. In addition, Gorontalo City Police also cooperates with various parties, including the community, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations, to strengthen efforts to eradicate gambling. Although various measures have been implemented, there are several factors that hinder the effectiveness of law enforcement, including legal factors which include unclear regulations or weak sanctions against gambling offenders, law enforcement factors which include limited human resources, facilities, and the level of integrity of police officers, and community factors which reflect the existence of a permissive culture towards gambling and a lack of legal awareness. Therefore, improvements are needed in the aspects of regulation, strengthening the capacity and integrity of law enforcement officials, and a community-based approach so that efforts to eradicate gambling crimes in the jurisdiction of Gorontalo City Police can run more effectively and sustainably.

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