

**STATE OF OHIO  
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

*In re:* :  
 : Case No. 2014-IVEL-001  
**BRUCE ADAMS,** :  
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 Party. :

**ORDER FOR PLACEMENT ON COMMISSION INVOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST**

Mr. Adams was observed, on several occasions during his employment as a roulette dealer at Horseshoe Casino Cleveland (“Horseshoe”), placing winning wagers on behalf of multiple individuals with chips that had not been paid for, moving losing wagers to winning positions, moving winning wagers to positions that receive a higher payout, permitting winning wagers after the outcome of the game had been determined, and paying winning wagers to individuals in the amount of \$5.00 per chip rather than the correct amount of \$1.00 per chip, without authorization to do so, which resulted in a combined total loss of \$42,200.00 to Horseshoe. On August 27, 2013, he was indicted for one count of grand theft, in violation of R.C. 2913.02(A)(2), a fourth degree felony, in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Adams subsequently pled guilty to one count of grand theft, in violation of R.C. 2913.02(A)(2), a fourth degree felony theft offense, and for the reasons more fully alleged and found in the Ohio Casino Control Commission’s (“Commission”) Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Revocation Notice”) and Order Revoking Casino Gaming Employee License (“Revocation Order”) that were issued to Adams, respectively, the Commission revoked his casino gaming employee license (License # CGE.1898) on November 20, 2013.

Based on Adams’ conduct, his presence within a casino facility calls into question the honesty and integrity of the casino facility’s operations and the orderly conduct of the casino gaming operations, as provided for under R.C. 3772.03(G)(3), poses a threat to the interests of the state, to achieving the intents and purposes of R.C. Chapter 3772, and to the strict and effective regulation of casino gaming, as provided for under R.C. 3772.031(B)(1), (4), and (8). Therefore, the Commission issued Adams a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for Placement on the Involuntary Exclusion List (“Involuntary Exclusion Notice”), dated March 7, 2014. (Exhibit A). The Involuntary Exclusion Notice was sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, but was returned to the Commission marked “Unclaimed” on April 1, 2014. (Exhibit B). The Commission re-sent the Involuntary Exclusion Notice on April 3, 2014, via ordinary mail with a certificate of mailing. (Exhibit C). The Involuntary Exclusion Notice was not returned to the Commission for failure of delivery.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.031, Adams had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of receiving the Involuntary Exclusion Notice. Adams failed to do so, however. Accordingly, no hearing was held and the matter was brought before the Commission on June 18, 2014, for final adjudication. R.C. 119.07 and 3772.031(D).

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **FINDS** and **CONCLUDES** that Adams qualifies for placement on the Commission's Involuntary Exclusion list because:

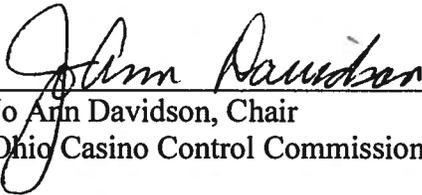
- 1) His presence within a casino facility calls into question the honesty and integrity of the facility's operations and the orderly conduct of the casino gaming operations, as provided for under R.C. 3772.03(G)(3), and poses a threat to the interests of the state, to achieving the intents and purposes of R.C. Chapter 3772, and to the strict and effective regulation of casino gaming, as provided for under R.C. 3772.031(B)(4), because, as alleged and found more fully in the Revocation Notice, dated September 30, 2013, delivered via certified mail on October 18, 2013, and in the Revocation Order, entered on the Commission's Journal on November 20, 2013, and delivered via certified mail on February 4, 2014, respectively, he was observed, on several occasions during his employment as a roulette dealer at Horseshoe, placing winning wagers on behalf of multiple individuals with chips that had not been paid for, moving losing wagers to winning positions, moving winning wagers to positions that receive a higher payout, permitting winning wagers after the outcome of the game had been determined, and paying winning wagers to individuals in the amount of \$5.00 per chip rather than the correct amount of \$1.00 per chip, without authorization to do so, which resulted in a combined total loss of \$42,200.00 to Horseshoe.
  
- 2) His presence within a casino facility calls into question the honesty and integrity of the facility's operations and the orderly conduct of the casino gaming operations, as provided for under R.C. 3772.03(G)(3), and poses a threat to the interests of the state, to achieving the intents and purposes of R.C. Chapter 3772, and to the strict and effective regulation of casino gaming, as provided for under R.C. 3772.031(B)(1), (4), and (8) because:
  - A) On August 27, 2013, he was indicted by the Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Grand Jury for one count of grand theft, in violation of R.C. 2913.02(A)(2), a fourth-degree felony, for conduct that occurred during his employment at Horseshoe and his licensure as a casino gaming employee;
  
  - B) On January 9, 2014, in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, he pled guilty or no contest to one count of grand theft, in violation of R.C. 2913.02(A)(2), a fourth-degree felony, which is a disqualifying offense under R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10(C)(1);
  
  - C) As a result of this plea, he is no longer eligible or otherwise suitable to hold a license issued under R.C. Chapter 3772; and

D) For the reasons more fully alleged and found in the Revocation Notice and Revocation Order, respectively, on November 20, 2013, the Commission revoked his casino gaming employee license (License # CGE.1898).

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1) Adams shall be **PLACED** on the Commission's Involuntary Exclusion List and is **PROHIBITED** from entering any casino facility in this state.
- 2) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Adams, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and her counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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Jo Ann Davidson, Chair  
Ohio Casino Control Commission

#### **NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

The Party is hereby notified that pursuant to R.C. 119.12, this Commission Order may be appealed by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Commission setting forth the Order that the Party is appealing from and stating that the Commission's Order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. The Notice of Appeal may also include, but is not required to include, the specific grounds for the appeal. The Notice of Appeal must also be filed with the appropriate court of common pleas in accordance with R.C. 119.12. In filing the Notice of Appeal with the Commission or court, the notice that is filed may be either the original Notice of Appeal or a copy thereof. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 15 days after the date of mailing of this Commission Order.