

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re:

**JASON HICKOK,
CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSEE**

Licensee.

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Case No. 2014-LIC-027
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ORDER REVOKING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE

On November 15, 2012, Jason Hickok filed with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) an application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Hickok to determine his eligibility for such a license. Having found Hickok suitable for licensure, the Commission issued him a Casino Gaming Employee License on November 26, 2012.

During an administrative investigation of Hickok, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated July 16, 2014. (Exhibit A.) Hickok received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on July 18, 2014. (Exhibit B.) Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Hickok had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Hickok failed to do so, however. Accordingly, no hearing was held and the matter was brought before the Commission on September 17, 2014, for final adjudication. R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04(A).

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

- 1) Based on the results of the Commission’s administrative investigation, Hickok has been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, one or more “disqualifying offenses,” as defined by R.C. 3772.07 and in contravention of R.C. 3772.10(C)(1), to wit, he was convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, F.S.S. 812.014(2)(c)(2) – Grand Theft Third Degree of \$5,000 Or More, a third-degree felony theft offense, on May 29, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida.
- 2) Based on the results of the Commission’s administrative investigation, Hickok failed to notify the Commission that:
 - A) On December 28, 2012, an arrest warrant was filed against him for violating F.S.S. 812.014(2)(c)(2) – Grand Theft >\$5,000 <10,000, a third-degree felony theft offense, in the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida;

- B) On February 5, 2013, he was charged in the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida with one count of F.S.S. 812.014(2)(c)(2) – Grand Theft Third Degree of \$5,000 Or More (Pursuant to Scheme or Course of Conduct), a third-degree felony theft offense;
- C) On December 10, 2013, he was arrested for or charged with R.C. 2963.11 – Fugitive From Justice, an unclassified felony, in the Municipal Court of Franklin County, Ohio;
- D) Pursuant to an arrest warrant issued by the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida, on December 28, 2013 or December 29, 2013, the Sheriff's Office of Orange County, Florida arrested him for violating F.S.S. 812.014(2)(c)(2) – Grand Theft Third Degree (>5,000,<10,000), a third-degree felony theft offense;
- E) On May 29, 2014, he pled guilty or no contest to one count of F.S.S. 812.014(2)(c)(2) – Grand Theft Third Degree of \$5,000 or More, a third-degree felony theft offense, in the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida; and
- F) As a result of his May 29, 2014 plea, and the Court's finding of guilt, he received the following sentence:
 - i. Confinement for a maximum of two days, with two day county jail credit for time served;
 - ii. Five years of State Probation;
 - iii. Completion of 100 hours of Community Service; and
 - iv. Restitution in the amount of \$6,785.00 to Sea World or Stuart Deridder, as owner or custodian thereof,

in violation of Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-04(A)(5) and (8) and (B).

- 3) Based on the above allegations, which resulted from the Commission's administrative investigation, Hickok is no longer suitable to maintain or otherwise eligible to hold a license issued under R.C. Chapter 3772, as required by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10(C)(1), (C)(7), and (D)(1). In addition, Hickok is no longer suitable for licensure as a Casino Gaming Employee in this state, as required by R.C. 3772.10(B), (C)(7), and (D)(1), because:

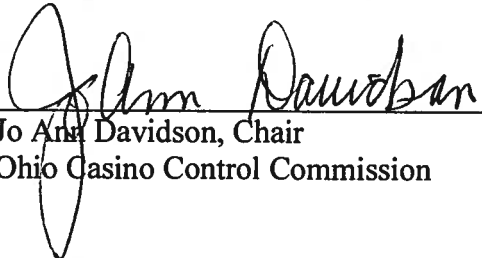
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WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1) Hickok's Casino Gaming Employee License is **REVOKED**.

- 2) Hickok shall immediately **SURRENDER** his license credential to the Commission.
- 3) Hickok is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 4) Hickok is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date this Order is served upon his, absent a waiver granted by the Commission commensurate with Ohio Adm. Code 3772-1-04.
- 5) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Hickok, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and his counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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.