

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re:

**MELINDA SWEET,
CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSEE**

Licensee.

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Case No. 2014-LIC-013

ORDER REVOKING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE

On February 12, 2013, Melinda Sweet filed with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) an application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. The Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Sweet to determine her eligibility for such a license. Having found Sweet suitable for licensure, the Commission issued a Casino Gaming Employee License to Sweet on February 19, 2013.

During a subsequent administrative investigation of Sweet, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Intent to Revoke, Suspend, Limit, Condition, Restrict, Penalize, and/or Fine and Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated February 27, 2014. (Exhibit A.) Sweet received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on or about March 1, 2014. (Exhibit B.) Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Sweet had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Sweet failed to do so, however. Accordingly, no hearing was held and the matter was brought before the Commission on April 16, 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, Sweet was convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, a theft offense, constituting a “disqualifying offense,” as defined by R.C. 3772.07, to wit, she was convicted of, and/or pled guilty or no contest to, one count of R.C. 2913.02 – Theft, a first-degree misdemeanor, on January 14, 2014, in the Hamilton County Municipal Court.
- 2) Based on the results of the Commission’s administrative investigation, Sweet failed to notify the Commission that:
 - A) On October 19, 2013, she was charged with one count of R.C. 2913.02 – Theft, a first-degree misdemeanor, in the Hamilton County Municipal Court;

- B) On January 14, 2014, she was convicted of, and/or pled guilty or no contest to, one count of R.C. 2913.02(A)(1) – Theft, a first-degree misdemeanor, in the Hamilton County Municipal Court; and
- C) As a result of her theft conviction, she received the following sentence on January 14, 2014:
 - i) Confinement for 180 days, suspended for 180 days of Community Control;
 - ii) One year of theft school, to pay through probation;
 - iii) Sweet was ordered to stay away from Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati (“Horseshoe”); and
 - iv) Restitution in the amount of \$600.00 to be paid to Horseshoe,

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

- 3) Based on the results of the Commission’s administrative investigation, Sweet is no longer suitable for licensure as a Casino Gaming Employee Licensee in this state, as required by R.C. 3772.10(B), (C)(7), and (D)(1), to wit:

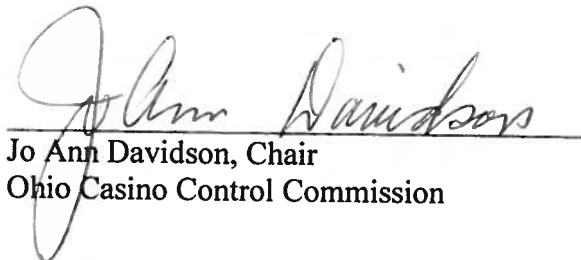
- A) On September 29, 2013, she was observed in the Horseshoe Poker Room Cage removing \$600.00 from a counting strap and placing the money in her sleeve;
- B) On October 19, 2013, she was charged with one count of R.C. 2913.02 – Theft, a first-degree misdemeanor, in the Hamilton County Municipal Court;
- C) On January 14, 2014, she was convicted of, and/or pled guilty or no contest to, one count of R.C. 2913.02(A)(1) – Theft, a first-degree misdemeanor, in the Hamilton County Municipal Court; and
- D) As a result of her theft conviction, she received the following sentence on January 14, 2014:
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- iii) Ordered to stay away from Horseshoe;
- iv) Restitution in the amount of \$600.00 to be paid to Horseshoe.

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

- 1) Sweet's Casino Gaming Employee License is **REVOKED**.
- 2) Sweet shall immediately **SURRENDER** her license credential to the Commission.
- 3) Sweet is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 4) Sweet is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date this Order is served upon her, 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 Sweet, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and her 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.