

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re: :
 : Case No. 2016-LIC-005
BRUCE JONES, :
CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE :
LICENSE APPLICANT :
 :
Applicant. :

ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE

On July 29, 2015, Bruce Jones filed with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) an application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Jones to determine his eligibility for such a license.

A casino gaming employee license applicant is eligible for licensure upon meeting the following criteria: (1) being at least 21 years of age, R.C. 3772.131(C); (2) filing a true and complete Casino Gaming Employee License Application (“Application”), R.C. 3772.131(D) and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-02(A); (3) submitting two sets of the applicant’s fingerprints and a photograph, R.C. 3772.131(E); (4) paying the nonrefundable application fee of \$250.00, R.C. 3772.131(E) and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-03(A), and all fees necessary to cover the cost of the background investigation in excess of the application fee, Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-03(B); (5) reimbursing the costs for the background check, including the criminal records check, R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.131(E); (6) not having been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a disqualifying offense, R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10(C)(1); and (7) being otherwise suitable for licensure, R.C. 3772.10(B) and (C)(7).

During a suitability investigation of Jones, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated June 3, 2016. (Exhibit A.) Jones received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on June 6, 2016. (Exhibit B.) Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Jones had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. He failed to do so. Accordingly, no hearing was held and the matter was brought before the Commission on August 17, 2016, 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) Jones submitted a casino gaming employee license application (“Application”) that contained false information and failed to set forth all of the information required by the Commission, to wit, he failed to disclose in Question 8 of the Application that:

A) November 13, 1995 – Domestic Assault Charge

- i.) On November 13, 1995, he was arrested for and charged with committing an “assault and battery against a family or household member” offense, in violation of Virginia Code 18.2-57.2, in Richmond, Virginia, pursuant to an arrest warrant issued on October 21, 1995, which was dismissed on August 16, 1996, in the City of Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, in Richmond, Virginia;

B) March 24, 1996 – Domestic Assault Charge

- i.) On March 24, 1996, he was arrested for and charged with committing a “domestic assault” offense, in Richmond, Virginia, which was nolle prossed and/or dismissed on May 13, 1996, in the Henrico Juvenile Domestic Relations District Court, in Henrico, Virginia;

C) February 1, 1997 – Obstructing Justice Conviction

- i.) On February 1, 1997, he was arrested for and charged with committing a “resisting arrest” offense, in Richmond, Virginia; and
- ii.) On April 14, 1997, he was found guilty of committing an “obstructing justice” offense, in the Chesterfield General District Court, in Chesterfield, Virginia;

D) December 14, 1998 – Assault and Battery Against a Family or Household Member Charge

On December 14, 1998, he was arrested for and charged with committing an “assault and battery against a family or household member” offense, in violation of Virginia Code 18.2-57.2, in Richmond, Virginia; and

E) June 11, 2007 – Violation of Protection Order Charges

On June 15, 2007, he was arrested for and charged with three counts of “violation of protection order,” in violation of R.C. 2919.27(A)(2), all first-degree misdemeanors, which were dismissed on August 2, 2007, in the Franklin County Municipal Court;

in violation of R.C. 3772.10(C)(2) and/or (5) and/or (F), R.C. 3772.131(D), and/or Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-02(A).

- 2) Based on his failure to disclose, submission of an application containing false information, and the underlying conduct described above, Jones failed to establish, by clear and convincing evidence, his suitability for licensure as a casino gaming employee, as required by R.C. 3772.10(B) and/or (C)(5) and/or (7) and/or Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-05(A). In addition, he has failed to establish his suitability for licensure as a casino gaming employee, as required by R.C. 3772.10(B) and/or (C)(5), and/or (7) and/or Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-05(A), because:

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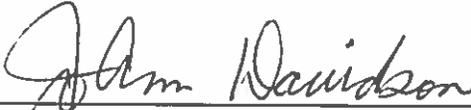
F) September 20, 2007 – Judgment/Lien

On May 22, 2007, a civil complaint was filed against him by Hickory Creek, in the amount of \$3,224.43, which resulted in a September 20, 2007 judgment against him in the amount of \$2,350.43, with 8% interest from the date of judgment plus plaintiff’s costs, in the Franklin County Municipal Court.

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

- 1) Jones’ Casino Gaming Employee License is **DENIED**.
- 2) Jones is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 3) Jones is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date this Order is served upon him, absent a waiver granted by the Commission commensurate with Ohio Adm. Code 3772-1-04.
- 4) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Jones, 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 Franklin County 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.