

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re:

**ARIEL WILKES,
CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSEE**

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Case No. 2016-LIC-010

ORDER REVOKING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE

On July 30, 2014, Ariel Wilkes filed with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) an application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Wilkes to determine her eligibility for such a license. Having found Wilkes suitable for licensure, the Commission issued a Casino Gaming Employee License to Wilkes on August 25, 2014.

During an administrative investigation of Wilkes, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated April 12, 2016. (Exhibit A.) Wilkes received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on April 21, 2016. (Exhibit B.)

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Wilkes had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Wilkes failed to do so. Accordingly, no hearing was held, and the matter was brought before the Commission on May 18, 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) Based on the Commission’s administrative investigation, Wilkes 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 R.C. 3772.10 (D)(1) because:
 - A) On August 17, 2015, she was indicted for and charged with one count of “trafficking in heroin,” in violation of R.C. 2925.03(A)(1), a fourth-degree felony, one count of “trafficking in cocaine,” in violation of R.C. 2925.03(A)(1), a fourth-degree felony, two counts of “permitting drug abuse,” in violation of R.C. 2925.13(A), both fifth-degree felonies, one count of “trafficking in heroin,” in violation of R.C. 2925.03(A)(1), a fifth-degree felony, and one count of “trafficking in cocaine,” in violation of R.C. 2925.03(A)(1), a fifth-degree felony, in the Fulton County Court of Common Pleas;

- B) On August 28, 2015, she was arrested for and charged with one count of “trafficking in heroin,” in violation of R.C. 2925.03(A)(1), a fourth-degree felony, one count of “trafficking in cocaine,” in violation of R.C. 2925.03(A)(1), a fourth-degree felony, two counts of “permitting drug abuse,” in violation of R.C. 2925.13(A), both fifth-degree felonies, one count of “trafficking in heroin,” in violation of R.C. 2925.03(A)(1), a fifth-degree felony, and one count of “trafficking in cocaine,” in violation of R.C. 2925.03(A)(1), a fifth-degree felony, in Fulton County, pursuant to an arrest warrant issued as a result of her August 17, 2015 indictment;
 - C) On December 9, 2015, she pled guilty or no contest to one amended count of “permitting drug abuse,” in violation of R.C. 2925.13(A), and one amended count of “attempted trafficking in heroin,” in violation of R.C. 2925.03(A)(1) and R.C. 2923.02, both first-degree misdemeanors, in the Fulton County Court of Common Pleas;
 - D) As a result of the Court’s finding of guilt, on December 9, 2015, she was sentenced to:
 - 1.) Confinement for 180 days, with 170 days suspended, for a total of 10 days to be served at the Correction Center of Northwest Ohio;
 - 2.) Community Control for a term of two years with conditions;
 - 3.) A fine in the amount of \$1,000.00;
 - 4.) Completion of a drug and alcohol assessment;
 - 5.) Restitution in the amount of \$540.00; and
 - 6.) Driver’s license suspension for a period of six months; and
 - E) Wilkes failed to notify the Commission of her August 17, 2015 indictment, her August 28, 2015 felony charges and arrest pursuant to a warrant, and her December 9, 2015 plea, conviction, and sentence, in violation of her duty to update, pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-04(A)(5), (8) and/or (B).
- 2) Wilkes failed to notify the Commission of her August 17, 2015 indictment, her August 28, 2015 felony charges and arrest pursuant to a warrant, and

her December 9, 2015 plea, conviction, and sentence, in violation of Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-04(A)(5), (8), and/or (B).

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

- 1) Wilkes's Casino Gaming Employee License is **REVOKED**.
- 2) Wilkes shall immediately **SURRENDER** her license credential to the Commission.
- 3) Wilkes is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 4) Wilkes 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 Wilkes, 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.