

**STATE OF OHIO
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

In re: :
 : Case No. 2016-LIC-027
CHAD BUCHANAN, :
CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSEE :
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 Licensee. :

ORDER REVOKING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE

On April 14, 2015, Chad Buchanan filed with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) an application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Buchanan to determine his eligibility for such a license. Having found Buchanan suitable for licensure, the Commission issued a Casino Gaming Employee License to Buchanan on April 29, 2015.

During an administrative investigation of Buchanan, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated October 19, 2016. (Exhibit A.) Buchanan received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on October 24, 2016. (Exhibit B.) Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Buchanan had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Buchanan failed to do so. Accordingly, no hearing was held, and the matter was brought before the Commission on December 21, 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) Buchanan was 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(D)(1), to wit, he was convicted of or pled guilty to one count of “permitting drug abuse,” in violation of R.C. 2925.13(B) and (C)(3), a fifth-degree felony, on June 2, 2016, in the Wood County Court of Common Pleas.
- 2) Based on the disqualifying offense conviction described above, Buchanan 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(C)(1), (7) and (D)(1). In addition, he is no longer suitable for licensure as a Casino Gaming Employee in this state, as required by R.C. 3772.10(D)(1), because:

A) June 2, 2016 - Permitting Drug Abuse Conviction

- i. On November 18, 2015, he was indicted for and charged with one count of “permitting drug abuse,” in violation of R.C. 2925.13(B) and (C)(3), a

fifth-degree felony, and one count of “trafficking in heroin,” in violation of 2925.03(A)(1) and (C)(6)(a), a fifth-degree felony, in the Wood County Court of Common Pleas;

- ii. On June 2, 2016, he pled guilty and/or no contest to one count of “permitting drug abuse,” in violation of R.C. 2925.13(B) and (C)(3), a fifth-degree felony, in the Wood County Court of Common Pleas;
- iii. As a result of the above June 2, 2016 plea and the Court’s finding of guilt, on August 5, 2016, he was sentenced to community control for a period of 3 years; and

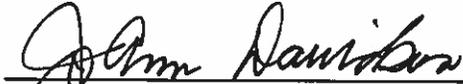
B) August 12, 2016 – Community Control Violation

- i. On August 9, 2016, a warrant for his arrest was filed for “violation of the conditions of probation,” in accordance with R.C. 2951.08, in Wood County, Ohio;
 - ii. On August 11, 2016, he was charged with violating the “Conditions of Community Control;”
 - iii. On August 12, 2016, he stipulated to violating the “Conditions of Community Control;” and
 - iv. As a result of the above stipulation and the Court’s finding of violation, it was ordered that the term of community control sanctions as ordered by the Wood County Court of Common Pleas on August 5, 2016 should be continued, with the following added conditions:
 1. He enter and complete the SEARCH Program and follow any recommendations for aftercare; and
 2. He report immediately to Probation Department upon your release from SEARCH.
- 3) Buchanan failed to notify the Commission of his November 18, 2015 indictment, his June 2, 2016 felony conviction, his August 5, 2016 sentence, his August 11, 2016 charge, his August 12, 2016 violation stipulation, and his August 12, 2016 order to amend community control, in violation of his duty to update pursuant to 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) Buchanan's Casino Gaming Employee License is **REVOKED**.
- 2) Buchanan shall immediately **SURRENDER** his license credential to the Commission.
- 3) Buchanan is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 4) Buchanan 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.
- 5) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Buchanan, 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.