

STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation)
of the License to Conduct Gambling Activities of:)
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Angela R. Maya)
Kennewick, Washington,)
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Licensee.)
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NO. CR 2013-01109

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
CHARGES AND OPPORTUNITY
FOR AN ADJUDICATIVE
PROCEEDING**

I.

The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Angela R. Maya license number 68-24446, authorizing Card Room Employee activity at Casino Caribbean in Yakima. The license expires on June 1, 2014, and was issued subject to Ms. Maya's compliance with state gambling laws and rules.

II.

David Trujillo, Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, charges the licensee with the following violations of the Washington State Gambling Act, 9.46 RCW and WAC Title 230:

SUMMARY

Angela R. Maya owes approximately \$5,564 in outstanding court-ordered fines, of which \$3,354 has been sent to collections.

FACTS:

- 1) On June 3, 2013, a Gambling Commission Special Agent (agent) was assigned to Ms. Maya's file for a routine renewal evaluation of her qualifications for a gambling license.
- 2) As part of the agent's investigation, she examined Ms. Maya's licensing history. In pertinent part, the agent noted the following history:
 - a. Between 2006 and 2011, Ms. Maya was licensed on and off at various casinos.
 - b. In June 2011, after letting her license lapse, Ms. Maya reapplied in order to work at Lucky Bridge. Both Ms. Maya and her employer received notification that she may not qualify for licensure because she owed \$4,784 in court ordered fines and fees, of which \$3,382 had been sent to collections due to non-payment; she also had two bench warrants and eight Failures to Appear (FTAs).

- c. Ms. Maya responded in a June 27, 2011, e-mail in which she indicated that she was on a payment plan and had turned herself in on the warrants.
- d. On June 29, 2011, Ms. Maya and her employer each spoke with an agent. They were advised that Ms. Maya would have until July 19, 2011, to confirm a payment had been made towards the court-ordered fines and fees. A fax copy of a receipt for a \$280 payment made on July 5, 2011, was received by the agent that same day.
- e. On May 28, 2012, the Gambling Commission received Ms. Maya's on-line renewal, in which she indicated no criminal action having been filed against her in the preceding 12 months.
- f. A review of Ms. Maya's criminal history showed otherwise. She had a conviction of Simple Assault, Domestic Violence; additionally it showed two counts of Dog License Required and Proof of Rabies Vaccination. She also owed \$4,975 in court-ordered fines and fees, of which, \$3,365 had been sent to collections due to non-payment. She had six FTAs, and 13 of her 18 court cases remained open due to outstanding obligations.
- g. On June 11, 2012, the agent received a statement for the same date along with a copy of a receipt showing that Ms. Maya paid \$367 towards her debts. Ms. Maya's statement explained that she told her boss about her criminal history but her boss did not report it in her renewal application.
- h. On June 14, 2012, Ms. Maya faxed the agent a statement describing her efforts to work with the courts on repayment of court-related debt as well as the negative impact a custody battle had on her ability to pay.
- i. Also on June 14, 2012, the agent told Ms. Maya that as she made a significant payment, the agent would not seek to revoke her license. The agent continued, advising Ms. Maya that her criminal history would be reviewed again at the next renewal and, if her fines and fees remained static or increased, the Gambling Commission would seek to revoke her license.
- 3) As part of the June 2013 investigation, the agent also reviewed the Judicial Information System (JIS)¹ record for Ms. Maya and determined that Ms. Maya owed a total of \$5,564 in court-ordered fines and fees, of which \$3,354 is in collections. She has six FTAs and 14 of her 19 cases remain open. Ms. Maya has had an additional three cases added to collections since her 2012 renewal.
- 4) Upon seeing this, the agent sent a letter to both Ms. Maya and her employer, Casino Caribbean, on June 3, 2013, informing them of the agent's findings.
- 5) The letter continued, advising them that because of her pattern of criminal history and non-payment on significant court-related debt, Ms. Maya may pose a threat to the effective regulation of gaming and increase the likelihood of unfair or illegal practices, methods or

¹ JIS is run by the Washington State Court System to keep record of court actions occurring in Municipal, District, and Superior Courts.

activities of the gaming activities due to her financial pressure. Moreover, based upon her failure to “comply with a judge’s rulings, Ms. Maya may not comply with internal control requirements or adhere to the direction of the Washington State Gambling Commission.”

- 6) The agent found the following JIS record, broken down in pertinent part by the date of violation, the charge, and the dollar amount owed in collections, if any **in bold**:

Date of Violation	Violation	Payments	Amount Owed
July 11, 2013	Dog Control		\$50.00
March 27, 2012	Dog License required and Proof of Rabies Vaccination (1st Count)		\$70.00
March 27, 2012	Dog License required and Proof of Rabies Vaccination (2nd Count)		\$70.00
Oct. 12, 2011	Simple Assault, Domestic Violence		\$1,343.00
July 26, 2010	No Valid Operator’s License	\$180.00	\$222.00
June 24, 2010	Driving With License Suspended 3rd Degree		\$846.00
March 31, 2010	Driving With License Suspended 3rd Degree	\$825.00	\$21.00
May 1, 2009	Fail to Wear Safety Belt		\$186.00
Sept. 11, 2008	Operate Motor Vehicle without Insurance (No Insurance)		\$312.00
July 24, 2008	Speeding 11 MPH Over, No Insurance	\$70.00	\$686.00
March 5, 2008	Obstructing Public Servant;		
July 3, 2007	Driving with License Suspended 3rd Degree		
Sept. 20, 2005	No Valid Operator’s License		
July 16, 2005	No Valid Operator’s License		
March 23, 2005	No Valid Operator’s License, No Insurance, Following Too Close	\$27.00	\$ 1,192.00
April 30, 2004	No Valid Operator’s License, No Insurance	\$6.00	\$496.00
March 5, 2004	Destruction/Removal of a Property		
April 18. 2002	Purchase/Obtain Possess Tobacco by a Minor	\$25.00	\$70.00
March 11, 2002	Purchase/Obtain Possess Tobacco by a Minor		
Total in Payments		\$1133	
Total in Collections			\$3,354

VIOLATIONS:

1) RCW 9.46.075 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit

The commission may deny an application, or suspend or revoke any license or permit issued by it, for any reason or reasons, it deems to be in the public interest. These reasons shall include, but not be limited to, cases wherein the applicant or licensee, or any person with any interest therein: (The following subsections apply.)

(1) Has violated, failed or refused to comply with the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations or duties imposed by chapter 9.46 RCW and any amendments thereto, or any rules adopted by the commission pursuant thereto, or when a violation of any provision of chapter 9.46 RCW, or any commission rule, has occurred upon any premises occupied or operated by any such person or over which he or she has substantial control.

2) WAC 230-03-085 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit

We may deny, suspend, or revoke any application, license or permit, when the applicant, licensee, or anyone holding a substantial interest in the applicant's or licensee's business or organization:

(The following subsections apply.)

(1) Commits any act that constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or permits under RCW 9.46.075.

(3) Has demonstrated willful disregard for complying with ordinances, statutes, administrative rules, or court orders, whether at the local, state, or federal level.

(8) Poses a threat to the effective regulation of gambling, or creates or increases the likelihood of unfair or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of gambling activities, as demonstrated by:

- (a) Prior activities; or
- (b) Criminal record; or
- (c) Reputation; or
- (d) Habit.

Ms. Maya has demonstrated willful disregard for complying with court orders, resulting in \$3,354 in collections, six FTAs, and 14 of her 19 cases remaining open. Therefore, under RCW 9.46.075(1) and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and (8), grounds exist to suspend or revoke Angela R. Maya's license.

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III.

Jurisdiction of this proceeding is based on 9.46 RCW, Gambling, chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act, and WAC Title 230.

The licensee will have the opportunity to have a hearing on the alleged violations.

In order to have a hearing or discuss settlement options, the enclosed request for hearing must be completed and returned to the Gambling Commission **within 23 days** from the date of the mailing of this notice.

Based on RCW 34.05.440, failure to return a request for hearing will result in the entry of a default order REVOKING your license.

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF THURSTON)

David Trujillo, being duly sworn on oath, says: That he has read this Notice of Administrative Charges and Opportunity for An Adjudicative Proceeding, knows the contents of it, believes it to be true, that he is the Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, and in that capacity has executed said Notice.

David Trujillo
DAVID TRUJILLO, DIRECTOR

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me
this 22 day of July, 2013.

Maureen Pretell
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
Washington residing at Thurston County
My commission expires on December 2, 2015



STATE OF WASHINGTON)
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COUNTY OF THURSTON)

I certify I have this day served a copy of the document upon all parties of record in the proceeding by mailing a copy, property addressed with postage prepaid, by regular and certified mail to each party to the proceeding or his or her attorney or authorized agent.

Dated at Olympia, Washington this 22 day of July, 2013

Maureen Pretell

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