



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

"Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"

February 14, 2018

TRAVIS L. VAN PELT
Register No. 20003-085
FDC SEATAC
FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER
PO BOX 13900
SEATTLE, WA 98198

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION; CR 2017-01049

Dear Mr. Van Pelt:

Enclosed is an Order of Default entered by the Commission on February, 8, 2018, revoking your license/certification to conduct gambling activities. This action occurred because you did not timely respond by requesting a hearing to the administrative charges filed on November 7, 2017 against your gambling license/certification.

You have the right to move to vacate this Order. If you do so, we must receive your request by the 10th day after the Order was mailed. Your motion must include the specific grounds upon which relief is requested and must be submitted to:

Washington State Gambling Commission
Attention: Legal & Records Division
P.O. Box 42400
Olympia, WA 98504-2400

You also have the right to submit a Petition for Judicial Review. If you do this, you must submit it within 30 days of the date the Order was mailed. RCW 34.05.514 explains where you must file this petition and RCW 34.05.546 explains what information your Petition must include.

This is not meant to be a full explanation of all the statutes and regulations you would need to understand to move to vacate or Petition for Judicial Review. Please call me at (800) 345-2529, extension 3475, with any questions.

Sincerely,

Haylee P. Mills, Staff Attorney
Legal & Records Division

Enclosure



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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

6 In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2017-01049

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8 TRAVIS L. VAN PELT,
License No. 69-38554,

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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10 Class III Employee.

11 This matter having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission
12 (Commission) on February 8, 2018 and the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact,
13 Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

14 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

15 1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Travis L. Van Pelt a Class
16 III certification, License number: 69-38554, authorizing Class III Employee activity at Legends
17 Casino in Toppenish, Washington.

18 2. This certification, which expires on July 23, 2018, was issued subject to Mr. Van
19 Pelt's compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules in accordance with the
20 Yakama Tribal-State Gaming Compact.

21 3. On May 10, 2016, Mr. Van Pelt was indicted on a charge of Sexual Abuse of a
22 Minor in the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Washington in Case Number 1:16-CR-
23 02039-SAB.

24 4. On July 28, 2017, the U.S. District in the Eastern District of Washington entered
25 a judgment and sentence against Mr. Van Pelt, and Mr. Van Pelt was found guilty of Sexual
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1 Abuse of a Minor and sentenced to 20 months of confinement and supervision of 15 years upon
2 release from prison.

3 5. On August 2, 2017, the Yakama Nation Gaming Commission summarily
4 suspended Mr. Van Pelt's tribal gaming license based on the above-referenced criminal
5 conviction.

6 6. On September 25, 2017, the Yakama Nation Gaming Commission entered a final
7 order revoking Mr. Van Pelt's tribal gaming license.

8 7. Mr. Van Pelt did not disclose the indictment or the above criminal allegations or
9 conviction to the Gambling Commission or include them in his 2016 or 2017 Class III Employee
10 Renewal Applications.

11 8. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on November 7, 2017
12 alleging that Mr. Van Pelt's actions constituted a violation of RCW 9.46.075, RCW 9.46.170,
13 and WAC 230-06-090(1), and established that he is a threat to the effective regulation of
14 gambling pursuant to WAC 230-03-085. Further, that he could not show by clear and convincing
15 evidence that he was qualified for licensure as required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that his actions
16 warranted revocation of his license pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1), (4), (7), and (8), and WAC
17 230-03-085(1), (2), (3), (7), and (8)(a) and (b), as well as Section V.C.(1) and (3) of the Yakama
18 Tribal-State Gaming Compact.

19 9. Mr. Van Pelt was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on November 9,
20 2017, to his last known address. A receipt for delivery of the certified mail was received on
21 November 21, 2017, indicating that service was completed on November 16, 2017.

22 10. To date, the Commission has received no communication from Mr. Van Pelt.

23 II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

24 1. Mr. Travis L. Van Pelt was sent proper notice of the November 7, 2017 charges
25 via first class mail and certified mail on November 9, 2017 under RCW 34.05.434, RCW
26 34.05.431, and WAC 10-08-130.

1 **NOTICE**

2 Reconsideration: RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 230-17-140 provide that a party may file a
3 petition for reconsideration of a final order. A petition for reconsideration must be received no
4 later than thirteen (13) days after the date this final order is mailed. Any motion for
5 reconsideration must state the specific grounds supporting the party's request for
6 reconsideration.

7 Stay of Final Order: Filing for reconsideration does not stay the effectiveness of this
8 Order. WAC 230-17-145 provides that a party may petition the Commission for a stay of a final
9 order. Any petition for a stay should be received by the Commission within thirteen (13) days
10 after the date this final order is mailed.

11 Judicial Review: RCW 34.05.542 provides that a party may appeal this final order by
12 filing a petition for judicial review within thirty (30) days after service of this order. A petition
13 for judicial review must be filed with the appropriate superior court and served upon both the
14 Commission and the Office of the Attorney General.

15 Service: This Order was served on you three days after it was deposited in the United
16 States Postal Service regular mail, excluding the date of mailing. WAC 230-17-035.

17 Any motions or petitions for judicial review should be served on or mailed to:

18 Washington State Gambling Commission
19 Legal and Records Division
20 4565 7th Avenue S.E., Lacey, WA
21 P.O. Box 42400
Olympia, WA 98504-2400

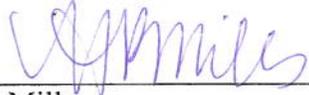
Gregory J. Rosen
Attorney General's Office
1135 Washington St. SE
P.O. Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the date below I served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties and/or their counsel by United States Postal Service regular mail to the following:

TRAVIS L. VAN PELT
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EXECUTED this 14 day of February, 2018, at Lacey, Washington.



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