



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

Apr 16, 2018

JOSHUA R. CHOPPIN
104 TULE LAKE RD E
TACOMA, WA 98445

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION; CR 2017-01633

Dear Mr. Choppin:

Enclosed is an Order of Default entered by the Commission on April 12, 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 March 6, 2018 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**

In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2017-01633

JOSHUA R. CHOPPIN,
License No. 68-33858,

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Licensee.

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

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Joshua R. Choppin a gambling license, number: 68-33858, authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Palace Casino in Lakewood, Washington.

2. This license, which expires on October 31, 2018, was issued subject to Mr. Choppin's compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

3. On November 19, 2017, while employed and working as a security officer at Palace Casino, Mr. Choppin is alleged to have unlawfully taken a brand new cell phone that belonged to a patron, and placed it in his own backpack.

4. The patron had left the phone in a shopping bag at the casino security podium for safekeeping. It was new and its alleged value was \$248.59.

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Washington State Gambling Commission
4565 7th Avenue S.E., Lacey, WA 98503
P.O. Box 42400
Olympia, WA 98504

IN RE: JOSHUA R. CHOPPIN
NO. 2017-01633

1 **ORDER**

2 This matter having come before the Commission at its April 12, 2018, Commission
3 meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, given the chance to review the
4 administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

5 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Joshua R. Choppin's gambling license, Number 68-33858,
6 is **REVOKED**.

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8 DATED this 17 day of April, 2018.

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11 BUD SIZEMORE, Chair


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13 JULIA PATTERSON, Vice Chair

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16 CHRISTOPHER STEARNS


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18 ED TROYER

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21 ALICIA LEVY

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

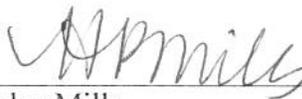
Gregory J. Rosen
Attorney General's Office
1135 Washington St. SE
P.O. Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

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:

JOSHUA R. CHOPPIN
104 TULE LAKE RD E
TACOMA, WA 98445

EXECUTED this 16 day of April, 2018, at Lacey, Washington.



Haylee Mills
Staff Attorney

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