



## State of Louisiana

Gaming Control Board

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# DECISION OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: UPTOWN CAFÉ  
NO. VP3601211501

This is an appeal by Uptown Café of the judgment of the Hearing Officer of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board ("Board") revoking its video gaming license.

Notice was issued to Uptown Café that its video gaming license was recommended for suspension or revocation, an immediate suspension was ordered and a hearing was scheduled to consider the foregoing. The basis of the action was the alleged failure of Uptown Café to submit its annual fee, processing fee, and local and state tax clearances.

At the first hearing on the matter, evidence was admitted that State Trooper Hodges attempted to deliver this notice to the business address but found a different business, Mona's Café, at the location with no gaming devices in the establishment. The notice was not served. The Hearing Officer upheld the immediate suspension and set a date for a hearing on the revocation, notice to be given at the last known address.

Notice was sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the attention of owner, Khaled Qader, at the Uptown Café's business address. This was returned with the notation, "Moved, Left No Address." A witness for the Division testified that there were no machines at the establishment and the licensee had not submitted a request for withdrawal of its video gaming license. The Hearing Officer

revoked the license.

The Board received a fax from Mr. Qader in which he stated that Uptown Café closed in April 1999 and the video gaming machines were taken out during that month. He moved and did not have his mail forwarded after three months. He did not receive notice of the suspension and hearings. He appeals the decision of the Hearing Officer. However, he acknowledges that he never surrendered the license.

## ORDER

This matter having been considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in open meeting of March 19, 2002:

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** the Hearing Officer's decision revoking Uptown Café's video gaming license, No.3601211501, be **AFFIRMED**.

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2002.

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

BY:

  
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**HILLARY J. CRAIN, CHAIRMAN**

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**  
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED  
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON  
ALL PARTIES THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY  
OF March 2002  
**APPEAL DOCKET CLERK**  
