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CHAIRMAN

## **DECISION OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

**IN RE: TAHJ M. HORTON  
NO. P040075691**

This matter is before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board on appeal by Tahj M. Horton, from the Hearing Officer's decision dated November 9, 2022, wherein his Non-Key Gaming Employee permit was revoked.

The Hearing Officer in her reasons for decision concluded that Mr. Horton is generally unsuitable and currently has pending charges. La. R.S. 27:28(A)(1), (2), and (4) places the burden of proof with the applicant for establishing suitability regarding a Non-Key Gaming Employee permit. It is not the burden of the Louisiana Office of State Police to prove an applicant is either suitable or unsuitable. Rather, the law positions the Louisiana Office of State Police as the party who must evaluate the suitability claims of those seeking to remain in possession of a gaming permit.

On June 1, 2022, a deputy with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop in a vehicle driven by Mr. Horton. Mr. Horton admitted to having marijuana but stated there were no weapons in the car. A probable cause search was conducted where deputies found a firearm, a gallon sized bag filled with marijuana, and a second smaller bag also filled with marijuana. Mr. Horton was arrested and charged with La. R.S. 40:966(A)(1) – Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule 1 Narcotic; La. R.S.

14:95(E) – Illegal Carrying of weapons with CDS; and La. R.S. 32:61 – Speeding.

A Bill of Information was filed on June 6, 2022 charging Mr. Horton with La. R.S. 14:95(E) – Illegal use/possession/control of Weapons – Crime of Violence or Controlled Dangerous Substance This felony criminal charge remains pending against Mr. Horton.

Based on the actions of Mr. Horton and pursuant to Louisiana Gaming Law, Tahj M. Horton is unsuitable for possession of a Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit.

## ORDER

This matter having been considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in open meeting of February 16, 2023:

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** the Hearing Officer’s decision revoking the Non-Key Gaming Employee permit of Tahj M. Horton, P040075691, is **AFFIRMED**.

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED** on this the *16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023*.

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

BY:

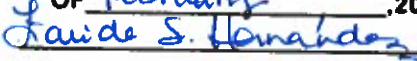
  
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**RONNIE S. JOHNS, CHAIRMAN**

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED  
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON

ALL PARTIES THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY

OF February, 2023.

  
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