

State of Louisiana Gaming Control Board

DECISION OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: FREDDIE D. KNOX NO. P040039760

This matter is before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board on appeal by the Office of State Police ("Division"), from the Hearing Officer's decision dated January 5, 2012. The Hearing Officer did not find Freddie D. Knox unsuitable and did not revoke Mr. Knox' non-key gaming employee permit as was recommended by the Division.

ANALYSIS

We adopt the Hearing Officer's "Findings of Fact" and Applicable Law." We agree with the decision of the Hearing Officer.

The Division renewed Mr. Knox's permit in 2010. Mr. Knox was arrested twice after that time but both charges were either dismissed or dropped. The first arrest and charge was for possession for a "legend" drug which later was determined to be antibiotics. The second arrest and charge was for felony possession of marijuana. The marijuana was located in the purse of a passenger in Mr. Knox's automobile. Mr. Knox testified that he notified his employer, El Dorado Casino, with the understanding that the casino would notify the Division.

Under these circumstances, we find there to be no substantial change in Mr. Knox's suitability since the time of the Division's renewal.

ORDER

This matter having been considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in open meeting of March 15, 2012:

IT IS ORDERED THAT the Hearing Officer's decision is AFFIRMED.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 15th day of March, 2012.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY:

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APPEAL DOCKET CLERK