



State of Louisiana
Gaming Control Board

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GOVERNOR

RONNIE JONES
CHAIRMAN

**DECISION OF THE
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

**RE: SHAKIA T. ROBINSON
NO. P040062763**

This matter is before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board on appeal by Shakia T. Robinson, Permit No. P040062763, from the Hearing Officer's decision dated May 24, 2016, wherein the Hearing Officer upheld the denial of her non-key gaming employee permit renewal application. The Hearing Officer found that Ms. Robinson pled guilty to Simple Criminal Damage to Property and to Aggravated Assault, a crime of violence.

We agree with the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact. We agree that Ms. Robinson is disqualified to hold a gaming permit. The basis for our finding is that Ms. Robinson pled guilty to Aggravated Assault, a crime of violence pursuant to La. R.S. 14:2(B)(7), which renders her disqualified pursuant to La. R.S. 27:28(B)(1)(e).

Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(B)(1)(e) provides:

(B) The board or division, where applicable, shall not grant a license or permit, enter into a casino operating contract, or issue any other approval pursuant to the provisions of this Title to any person who is disqualified on the basis of the following criteria:

...

(e) A crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B).

The Hearing Officer incorrectly relied on La. R.S. 27:28(B)(1)(b) and La. R.S.

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The Hearing Officer incorrectly relied on La. R.S. 27:28(B)(1)(b) and La. R.S. 27:28(C)(1)(a) in his reasons for decision. Both provisions are inapplicable in this matter.

Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(B)(1)(b) addresses the crimes of theft and not violence. Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(C)(1)(a) allows an individual to obtain a permit if ten or more years has elapsed between the date of application and the successful completion of any sentence, deferred adjudication, or period of probation or parole. Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(C)(1)(a) is not applicable to any person convicted of a crime of violence as defined in La. R.S. 14:2(B).

Louisiana Revised Statute 27:28(C) provides in pertinent part:

- (1) In the awarding of a license, permit, casino operating contract, or other approval pursuant to the provisions of this Title, a conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere by the applicant shall not constitute an automatic disqualification as otherwise required pursuant to the provisions of Subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of this Section if:
 - (a) Ten or more years has elapsed between the date of application and the successful completion or service of any sentence, deferred adjudication, or period of probation or parole; or
 - (b) Five or more years has elapsed between the date of application and the successful completion of any sentence, deferred adjudication, or period of probation or parole and the conviction for an offense defined in R.S. 27:28(B)(1)(b) was a misdemeanor offense.
- (2) **The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to any person convicted of a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B).** (Emphasis added.)

For the foregoing reasons, we will affirm the Hearing Officer's decision.

ORDER

This matter having been considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in open meeting of August 25, 2016:

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 25th day of *August, 2016*.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY:



RONNIE JONES, CHAIRMAN

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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

ALL PARTIES THIS 26th DAY
OF August, 2016.



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