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# DECISION OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: TRISHA A. SALONE NO. P040019282

# **ORDER**

This matter having been considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in open meeting of April 17, 2007:

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 17th day of April, 2007.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY:

H. CHARLES GAUDIN, CHAIRMAN

 STATE OF LOUISIANA
GAMING CONTROL BOARD

# ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING JANUARY 24, 2007

HEARING OFFICER WILLIAM H. BROWN

IN RE: TRISHA A. SALONE #P040019282

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#### NO. P040019282

#### APPEARANCES:

For the State of Louisiana

Mesa Brown Assistant Attorney General 1885 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ste. 500 Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Trisha A. Salone (No Appearance)

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The Louisiana State Police ("Division") seeks to revoke the non-key gaming employee permit currently held by Trisha A. Salone. It was alleged that Ms. Salone was charged with violation of La. R.S. 14:67 (felony theft) and La. R.S. 46:114 (Fraud in Obtaining Assistance). In connection with these charges, on October 31, 2006 the Louisiana Gaming Control Board issued a Notice of Recommendation of Revocation, Order of Immediate Emergency Suspension and Notice of Hearing. The notice further set the matter of the emergency suspension for a hearing on November 15, 2006. At the emergency suspension hearing of November 15, 2006, your Hearing Officer affirmed the Board's suspension and ordered that the suspension remain in force until the revocation hearing of January 24, 2007.

#### STATE'S EXHIBITS:

- 1. Service Return/Receipt Form
- 2. Notice of Recommendation of Revocation, Order of Immediate Emergency Suspension and Notice of Hearing.
- 3. Investigation Summary from Department of Social Services
- 4. 2002 Non-Key Gaming Permit Renewal Application
- 5. 2003 Gaming Employee Permit Modification Form
- 6. 2004 Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit Renewal Application
- 7. Bill of Information from the First District Court, Caddo Parish
- 8. Criminal Case Minutes of the First District Court, Caddo Parish
- 9. 2006 Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit Renewal Application

#### FINDINGS OF FACT:

On February 1, 2005, Trisha A. Salone pled guilty to misdemeanor theft and was sentenced under the provisions of Article 894 of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure to pay court costs and in addition, to serve thirty (30) days in the Parish Jail with credit for time served. The Court ordered the jail sentence suspended and placed Ms. Salone on supervised probation for a period of forty-five (45) days.

On September 5, 2006 Ms. Salone filed a renewal application with the Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Section, wherein she stated that since filing of her original application, she has not been detained, issued a summons or citation, arrested, charged; indicted etc...<sup>1</sup>. At the time of the filing of the Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit Renewal Application on September 5, 2006, Ms. Salone had pled guilty to misdemeanor thest and failed to disclose such on the renewal application

#### APPLICABLE LAW:

### La. R.S. 27:28(B)(1)(2) provides:

The board or division, where applicable, shall not grant 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:

- (1) The conviction or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere by the applicant or any person required to be suitable under the provisions of this Title for any of the following:
  - a. Any offense punishable by imprisonment of more than one year.
  - b. Theft or attempted theft, illegal possession of stolen things, or any offense or attempt involving the misappropriation of property or funds
  - c. Any offense involving fraud or attempted fraud, false statements or declarations
  - d. Gambling as defined by the law or ordinances of any municipality, any parish or county, any state, or of the United States.
  - e. A crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(13)

See Exhibit 9, Non-Key Gaming Employee Permit Renewal Application, page-3.

## La. 27:28(B)(4) provides:

The board or division, where applicable, shall not grant 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:

(4) The failure to provide information and documentation to reveal any fact material to a suitability determination, or the supplying of information which is untrue or misleading as to a material fact pertaining to the suitability criteria.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISION:**

Inasmuch as Trisha A. Salone has entered a plea of guilty to misdemeanor thest and failed in disclose the plea in her renewal application, she is no longer is qualified to hold a non-key gaming permit.

#### **ORDER**

Considering the evidence herein;

IT IS ORDERED THAT the non-key gaming employee permit issued to Trisha A. Salone is hereby revoked. Further, the application for renewal of a non-key gaming employee permit is denied.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 24th day of January 2007.

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