

STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation)
of the License to Conduct Gambling Activities of:)
Christian D. Deguzman)
Lakewood, Washington,)
Licensee.)
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NO. CR 2012-00870

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
CHARGES AND
FOR AN ADJUDICATIVE
PROCEEDING**

I.

The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Christian D. Deguzman license number 68-19418, authorizing Card Room Employee activity at Macau Casino in Lakewood. The license expires on July 7, 2013, and was issued subject to the licensee's compliance with state gambling laws and rules.

II.

David Trujillo, Deputy Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, charges the licensee with the following violations of the Washington State Gambling Act, 9.46 RCW, and WAC Title 230:

- 1) On July 9, 2012, a Gambling Commission Special Agent (agent) was assigned to Mr. Deguzman's case to investigate whether he continued to qualify for a license while having a large amount of court-ordered fines and fees in collections due to nonpayment. Commission staff became aware of these fines and fees during a routine annual criminal history check.
- 2) In a post-licensing investigation, the agent determined that Christian Deguzman has held a Public Card Room Employee license and a Class III certification¹ interchangeably since 2001. However, Mr. Deguzman currently holds an active Public Card Room Employee license only.
- 3) As part of the agent's investigation, he conducted a criminal history background check and determined that Mr. Deguzman has eight Failures to Appear or Failures to Remit active on his record.
- 4) The following is a breakdown of Mr. Deguzman's criminal history listed from the date of violation, the charge, and the dollar amount owed in collections:
 - 07/09/2009 – DWLS 3rd Degree, \$145.50;
 - 11/15/2008 – Operate Motor Vehicle without Insurance, \$265.84;

¹ Class III Employee certification is issued to employees working at tribal Casinos. The certification authorizes similar activities as the Card Room Employee (CRE) license issued to individuals working at commercial house-banked card rooms. By submitting a transfer form and fees, holders of a Class III Certification may convert their certification to a CRE license.

- 11/15/2008 – No Driver’s License on Person, \$176.00;
- 07/26/2008 – Failure to Renew Expired Registration, Operate Motor Vehicle without Insurance, and No valid operator’s license, \$1,183.11;
- 05/13/2008 – Speeding 15 MPH over limit, \$671.96;
- 5/13/2008 – No Driver’s License on Person, \$176.00;
- 11/20/2006 – Operating Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, \$111.03;
- 11/20/2006 – DWLS 3rd Degree, \$150.00; and
- 02/16/2005 – Exceed Maximum Speed in School Zone; Operate Motor Vehicle without Insurance, \$334.00.

Mr. Deguzman failed to make payments on the above court-ordered fines and fees, resulting in a total of \$3,213.44 being sent to collections.

- 5) On July 9, 2012, the agent sent a letter to Mr. Deguzman and his employer notifying them of the court debt that he has accumulated. The letter notified them that based on his “pattern of criminal history, to include failure to comply with court ordered fines, fees, and obligations and the dollar amount of the fines and fees in collections, we feel that he may pose a threat to the effective regulation of gaming and enhances the chance of unfair or illegal practices, methods or activities of the gaming activity due to the financial pressure facing him.” The letter also stated that, “we are concerned that since he failed to comply with the judge’s rulings, he may not comply with internal control requirements or adhere to the direction of the Washington State Gambling Commission” and that the agent was going to recommend the revocation of his gambling license.
- 6) Mr. Deguzman has failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence the necessary qualifications for licensure, in violation of RCW 9.46.153. Therefore, under RCW 9.46.075(1) and (8) and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and (8), grounds exist to suspend or revoke Christian D. Deguzman’s license.

RCW 9.46.075 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit

The commission may deny an application, or suspend or revoke any license or permit issued by it, for any reason or reasons, it deems to be in the public interest. These reasons shall include, but not be limited to, cases wherein the applicant or licensee, or any person with any interest therein: (The following subsections apply.)

(1) Has violated, failed or refused to comply with the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations or duties imposed by chapter 9.46 RCW and any amendments thereto, or any rules adopted by the commission pursuant thereto, or when a violation of any provision of chapter 9.46 RCW, or any commission rule, has occurred upon any premises occupied or operated by any such person or over which he or she has substantial control.

(8) Fails to prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that he is qualified in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

WAC 230-03-085 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit

We may deny, suspend, or revoke any application, license or permit, when the applicant, licensee, or anyone holding a substantial interest in the applicant's or licensee's business or

organization:
(The following subsections apply.)

(1) Commits any act that constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or permits under RCW 9.46.075.

(3) Has demonstrated willful disregard for complying with ordinances, statutes, administrative rules, or court orders, whether at the local, state, or federal level.

(8) Poses a threat to the effective regulation of gambling, or creates or increases the likelihood of unfair or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of gambling activities, as demonstrated by:

- (a) Prior activities; or
- (b) Criminal record; or
- (c) Reputation; or
- (d) Habits; or

RCW 9.46.153(1) Applicants and licensees-Responsibilities and duties

It shall be the affirmative responsibility of each applicant and licensee to establish by clear and convincing evidence the necessary qualifications for licensure of each person required to be qualified under this chapter, as well as the qualifications of the facility in which the licensed activity will be conducted.

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the document upon all parties of record in the proceeding by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with postage prepaid, by registered and certified mail to each party to the proceeding, and that I have also served a copy of the document upon the attorney or authorized agent.

_____ day of _____, 2012

Washington State Gambling Commission
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III.

Jurisdiction of this proceeding is based on 9.46 RCW, Gambling, chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act, and WAC Title 230.

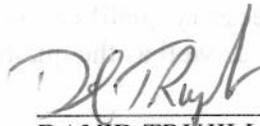
The licensee will have the opportunity to have a hearing on the alleged violations.

In order to have a hearing or discuss settlement options, the enclosed request for hearing must be completed and returned to the Gambling Commission **within 23 days** from the date of the mailing of this notice.

Based on RCW 34.05.440, failure to return a request for hearing will result in the entry of a default order REVOKING your license.

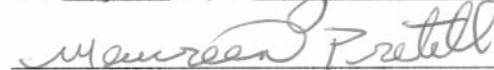
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David Trujillo, being duly sworn on oath, says: That he has read this Notice of Administrative Charges and Opportunity for An Adjudicative Proceeding, knows the contents of it, believes it to be true, that he is the Deputy Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, and in that capacity has executed said Notice.



DAVID TRUJILLO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me
this 3 day of August, 2012.

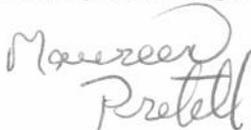


NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
Washington residing at Thurston County
My commission expires on December 2, 2015

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Dated at Olympia, Washington this 6 day of August, 2012



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