



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

"Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"

June 12, 2020

BRANDON YIP
2201 171ST E
TACOMA, WA 98445

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION; CR 2020-00156

Dear Brandon Yip:

Enclosed is an Order of Default entered by the Commission on May 14, 2020, revoking your certification to conduct gambling activities. This action occurred because you did not timely respond by requesting a hearing to the administrative charges mailed on February 7, 2020.

You have the right to move to vacate this Order. If you do so, we must receive your request by the 10th day after the Order was mailed. Your motion must include the specific grounds upon which relief is requested and must be submitted to:

Washington State Gambling Commission
Attention: Legal & Records Division
P.O. Box 42400
Olympia, WA 98504-2400

You also have the right to submit a Petition for Judicial Review. If you do this, you must submit it within 30 days of the date the Order was mailed. RCW 34.05.514 explains where you must file this petition and RCW 34.05.546 explains what information your Petition must include.

This is not meant to be a full explanation of all the statutes and regulations you would need to understand to move to vacate or Petition for Judicial Review. Please call me at (800) 345-2529, extension 3473, with any questions.

Sincerely,

Ashli Laydon, Rules Coordinator
Legal & Records Division

Enclosure

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

7 In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2020-00156

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9 BRANDON S YIP,
License No. 68-25603,

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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11 Licensee.

12 This matter having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission
13 (Commission) on May 14, 2020, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact,
14 Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

15 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

16 1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Brandon Yip License No.:
17 68-25603, authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Roman Casino in Seattle,
18 Washington.

19 2. This license, which expired on March 31, 2020, was issued subject to Yip's
20 compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

21 3. Yip has been licensed since 2007.

22 4. On January 16, 2020, a WSGC Special Agent received a call from Gus Routos,
23 the Regional Manager of Maverick Gaming, regarding a potential theft involving a Card Room
24 Employee. According to Routos, Brandon Yip, an employee at one of Maverick's properties,
25 Roman Casino, had taken approximately \$5,000-6,000 worth of chips off of a gaming table
26 earlier that day.

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1 5. Routos and the Special Agent decided that the best course of action was for
2 Roman staff to send an incident report to the Agent, and to have the Agent interview Yip at
3 Roman Casino on Yip's next scheduled shift.

4 6. On January 18, 2020, Routos sent the Special Agent a timeline summary of the
5 surveillance videos reviewed by his staff. It detailed eleven separate occasions in which Yip had
6 taken chips between January 1, 2020 and January 16, 2020.

7 7. On January 19, 2020 the Special Agent picked up a USB drive containing video
8 surveillance of the incidents in question. In reviewing the surveillance footage, it became clear
9 that Yip had developed a system that he used to steal chips from the chip tray.

10 8. The surveillance footage showed in each of the eleven incidents Yip would
11 interlock his fingers together, then hover his interlocked hands over the chip tray. Once his hands
12 were above the chip tray, Yip would use his freed pinky and thumb on his right hand to pinch a
13 stack of purple \$300 chips from the tray. Yip would then take the stack of chips in his right
14 hand, and take them into his possession.

15 9. While an exact amount stolen in each incident cannot accurately be calculated,
16 the Special Agent observed the chip tray's purple \$300 chips present prior to Yip taking them,
17 and compared that with the approximate number of purple \$300 chips remaining in the tray after
18 he took them. Based on these observations, the approximate value of chips taken in each incident
19 were:

- 20 a. On January 1, 2020, Yip takes approximately twenty \$300 chips from the chip
21 tray, valued at \$6,000.
- 22 b. Later that day, while at another table, Yip takes an additional stack of
23 approximately ten \$300 chips, valued at \$3,000.
- 24 c. On January 2, 2020, Yip takes approximately nine \$300 chips, valued at
25 \$2,700.
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- 1 d. On January 7, 2020, Yip takes approximately ten \$300 chips, valued at
2 \$3,000.
- 3 e. On January 8, 2020, Yip takes approximately fifteen \$300 chips, valued at
4 \$4,500.
- 5 f. On January 9, 2020, Yip takes approximately ten \$300 chips, valued at
6 \$3,000.
- 7 g. Later that day, while at another table, Yip takes an additional stack of
8 approximately ten \$300 chips, valued at \$3,000.
- 9 h. On January 13, 2020, Yip takes approximately fifteen \$300 chips, valued at
10 \$4,500.
- 11 i. On January 14, 2020, Yip takes approximately twenty \$300 chips, valued at
12 \$6,000.
- 13 j. On January 15, 2020, Yip takes approximately ten \$300 chips, valued at
14 \$3,000.
- 15 k. On January 16, 2020, Yip takes approximately twenty \$300 chips, valued at
16 \$6,000.

17 10. In total, based only on the observations made from the surveillance footage
18 available at the time the investigation began, Yip stole approximately \$44,700 from the Roman
19 Casino chip trays.

20 11. On January 20, 2020, WSGC Special Agents arrived at Roman Casino for their
21 planned interview with Yip. Yip was read his Miranda Rights and placed under arrest for the
22 above-listed violations; he declined to speak with the Agents at that time.

23 12. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on February 7, 2020
24 alleging that Yip's actions constituted a violation of RCW 9.46.075 and WAC 230-03-085.
25 Further, that he could not show by clear and convincing evidence that he was qualified for
26 licensure as required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that his actions warranted revocation of his

1 license pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1), (8), (9), and (10), and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and (9)(a)
2 and (d).

3 13. Yip was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on February 7, 2020 to the
4 last address the Gambling Commission had on file.

5 14. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the
6 Commission by March 2, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from
7 Yip.

8 II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9 1. Brandon Yip received proper notice within three days of February 7, 2020
10 charges via regular and certified mail pursuant to RCW 34.05.413 RCW 34.05.434, WAC 230-
11 17-005, WAC 230-17-010, and WAC 10-08-130.

12 2. The Commission can take final action against Brandon Yip's gambling license
13 under Case Number CR 2020-00156 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW
14 34.05.461, and WAC 230-03-085.

15 3. Brandon Yip's license should be revoked under Case Number CR 2020-00156
16 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 9.46.153(1), RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW 34.05.461, and WAC
17 230-03-085.

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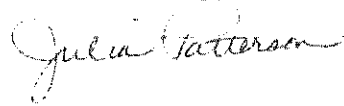
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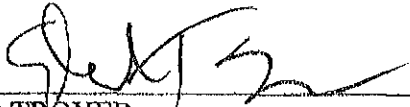
This matter having come before the Commission at its May 14, 2020, Commission meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, been given the chance to review the administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

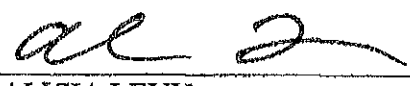
It is hereby **ORDERED** that Brandon Yip's gambling license, Number 68-25603, is **REVOKED**.

DATED this 14th day of May, 2020.


BUD SIZEMORE, Chair


JULIA PATTERSON, Vice Chair


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NOTICE

Reconsideration: RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 230-17-140 provide that a party may file a petition for reconsideration of a final order. A petition for reconsideration must be received no later than thirteen (13) days after the date this final order is mailed. Any motion for reconsideration must state the specific grounds supporting the party's request for reconsideration.

Stay of Final Order: Filing for reconsideration does not stay the effectiveness of this Order. WAC 230-17-145 provides that a party may petition the Commission for a stay of a final order. Any petition for a stay should be received by the Commission within thirteen (13) days after the date this final order is mailed.

Judicial Review: RCW 34.05.542 provides that a party may appeal this final order by filing a petition for judicial review within thirty (30) days after service of this order. A petition for judicial review must be filed with the appropriate superior court and served upon both the Commission and the Office of the Attorney General.

Service: This Order was served on you three days after it was deposited in the United States Postal Service regular mail, excluding the date of mailing. WAC 230-17-035.

Any motions or petitions for judicial review should be served on or mailed to:

Washington State Gambling Commission
Legal and Records Division
4565 7th Avenue S.E., Lacey, WA
P.O. Box 42400
Olympia, WA 98504-2400

Doug Van de Brake
Attorney General's Office
1135 Washington St. SE
P.O. Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the date below I served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties and/or their counsel by United States Postal Service regular mail to the following:

BRANDON YIP
2201 171ST ST E
TACOMA, WA 98445

EXECUTED this 6 day of June, 2020, at Lacey, Washington.

Ashlie Laydon
Rules Coordinator