



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

June 12, 2020

BRIANNA KRENTKOWSKI HALL
10415 19TH AVE S
TACOMA, WA 98444

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION; CR 2020-00376

Dear Brianna Krentkowski Hall:

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 25, 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,


Ashlie Laydon, Rules Coordinator
Legal & Records Division

Enclosure

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

7 In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2020-00376

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9 BRIANNA KRENTKOWSKI HALL,
License No. 68-35432

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:

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I. FINDINGS OF FACT

17 1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Brianna Krentkowski Hall
18 License No.: 68-35432, authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Palace Casino in
19 Lakewood, Washington.

20 2. This license, which expires on August 20, 2020, was issued subject to
21 Krentkowski Hall's compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

22 3. Krentkowski Hall has been licensed since 2019.

23 4. On November 14, 2019, a WSGC Special Agent met with staff members of
24 Palace Casino to discuss large shortages of cash (variances) in their cashier cage. According to
25 Palace's General Manager, Ronald Johns, there had been multiple variances recorded in October
26 and November of 2019.

1 5. The Agent advised Johns to review all surveillance and records to find the source
2 of the most recent variance and use that information to search for a potential pattern.

3 6. On November 25, 2019, Johns informed the Agent that he had discovered that
4 Brianna Krentkowski Hall had stolen \$2,000 from the cage. At the end of her shift, Krentkowski
5 Hall filled out a Cash Variance Report, a form required of cashiers that documents the amounts
6 of, and possible explanations for, an unbalanced cage.

7 7. On her Cash Variance Report, Krentkowski Hall documented her explanation as,
8 “Did an even exchange with poker earlier and an amount was 2,100 [sic] so I’m not sure if that
9 is why Im [sic] short.”

10 8. On December 2, 2019, the Special Agent traveled to Palace Casino in order to
11 receive physical copies of the surveillance footage from November 13, previously reviewed by
12 Palace’s Lead Surveillance Observer. Viewing the security footage verified Johns’ assertion
13 that Krentkowski Hall had stolen money.

14 9. The surveillance footage began with Krentkowski Hall balancing the cage with
15 the then off-going cashier at the beginning of her shift. Later on in her shift, the following can
16 be observed in the surveillance footage:

17 a. At about 5:16 p.m., a Security Officer brought a bird cage¹ to the cage cashier
18 window. The bird cage contained cash, which was to be exchanged for casino
19 chips. Krentkowski Hall counted the cash, which included \$2,000 in loose
20 \$100 bills, and an additional strapped \$2,500.

21 b. At about 5:26 p.m., Krentkowski Hall placed the \$2,000 in loose bills behind
22 the till on the right side and placed the \$2,500 into the safe. She then gave
23 the Security Officer a cart of casino chips in exchange.

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¹ Bird Cage: A clear container with a cover used to transport gaming chips and trays to gaming tables.

- 1 c. At about 7:00 p.m., Krentkowski Hall took out two bank bags (one red and
2 one blue). She then removed the \$2,000 stack of cash out of the till and laid
3 it on the counter.
- 4 d. At about 7:02 p.m., Krentkowski Hall placed the \$2,000 into the empty red
5 bag. She then removed the cash from the bag, placed it on top of a piece of
6 paper on the counter next to her, and laid the bag on top of the cash.
- 7 e. At about 7:11 p.m., Krentkowski Hall placed a piece of paper on top of the
8 red bag. She squared up that piece of paper with the piece of paper below the
9 cash. She then carefully removed the bag from underneath the paper, leaving
10 the cash sandwiched between the papers.
- 11 f. At about 8:33 p.m., Krentkowski Hall carefully picked up the two pieces of
12 paper, keeping the cash sandwiched between, and moved everything to a table
13 in the back of the cage. She then placed her dirty plate on top of the papers.
- 14 g. At about 8:50 p.m., Krentkowski Hall took the pieces of paper and cash with
15 the plate on top and moved everything to the man-trap. She then carefully
16 picked up the papers and cash, slid them from below the plate, and walked
17 towards her jacket. She returned from her jacket with empty hands.

18 10. At the end of her shift, Krentkowski Hall met with Palace's Accounting Manager,
19 Shawna Vanderford. Due to her excessive variance, Krentkowski Hall was issued a one-day
20 suspension.

21 11. Krentkowski Hall did not show up for her next scheduled shift. When Vanderford
22 called her to follow up, she introduced herself and Krentkowski Hall immediately hung up.
23 Vanderford called back, and her call was not answered. Krentkowski Hall has not worked at
24 Palace Casino since.

25 12. On February 2, 2020, Krentkowski Hall agreed to meet with Special Agents at
26 WSGC's Federal Way office. After reading Krentkowski Hall her rights, agents questioned her

1 about the November 13 incident. When asked why Krentkowski Hall did what she did, she
2 stated "I don't know why, I was just stupid."

3 13. Agents informed Krentkowski Hall that they were referring her case to the Pierce
4 County Prosecuting Attorney for criminal charges, she stated "I'm not going to lie, I did it."

5 14. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on February 25, 2020
6 alleging that Krentkowski Hall's actions constituted a violation of RCW 9.46.075 and WAC
7 230-03-085. Further, that she could not show by clear and convincing evidence that she was
8 qualified for certification as required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that her actions warranted
9 revocation of his certification pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1), (8), and (10), and WAC 230-03-
10 085(1), (3), and (9)(a), (c) and (d).

11 15. Krentkowski Hall was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on February
12 25, 2020 to the last address the Gambling Commission had on file.

13 16. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the
14 Commission by March 19, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication from
15 Krentkowski Hall.

16 II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

17 1. Brianna Krentkowski Hall received proper notice within three days of February
18 25, 2020 charges via regular and certified mail pursuant to RCW 34.05.413 RCW 34.05.434,
19 WAC 230-17-005, WAC 230-17-010, and WAC 10-08-130.

20 2. The Commission can take final action against Brianna Krentkowski Hall's
21 gambling license under Case Number CR 2020-00376 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW
22 34.05.440(1), RCW 34.05.461, and WAC 230-03-085.

23 3. Brianna Krentkowski Hall's license should be revoked under Case Number CR
24 2020-00376 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 9.46.153(1), RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW
25 34.05.461, and WAC 230-03-085.

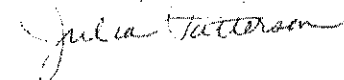
1 **ORDER**

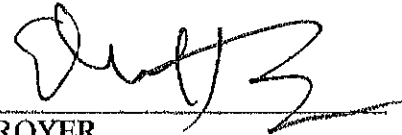
2 This matter having come before the Commission at its May 14, 2020, Commission
3 meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, been given the chance to review the
4 administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

5 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Brianna Krentkowski Hall's gambling license, Number 68-
6 35432, is **REVOKED**.

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8 DATED this 14th day of May, 2020.

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11 BUD SIZEMORE, Chair


12 JULIA PATTERSON, Vice Chair

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1 **NOTICE**

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

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

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

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

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

18 Washington State Gambling Commission
19 Legal and Records Division
20 4565 7th Avenue S.E., Lacey, WA
21 P.O. Box 42400
Olympia, WA 98504-2400

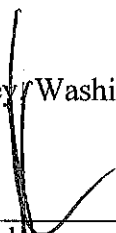
Doug Van de Brake
Attorney General's Office
1135 Washington St. SE
P.O. Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

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:

BRIANNA KRENTKOWSKI HALL
10415 19th AVE S
TACOMA, WA 98444

EXECUTED this 12 day of ^{June} ~~May~~, 2020, at Lacey, Washington.



Ashlie Laydon
Rules Coordinator