



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

January 20, 2022

CUONG DANG
11051 14TH AVE SW
SEATTLE, WA 98146

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION; CR 2021-00961

Dear Cuong Dang:

Enclosed is an Order of Default entered by the Commission on January 13, 2022, revoking your license to conduct gambling activities. This action occurred because you did not timely respond by requesting a hearing to the administrative charges mailed on October 19, 2021.

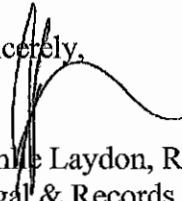
You have the right to move to vacate this Order. If you do so, we must receive your request by the 10th day after the Order was mailed. Your motion must include the specific grounds upon which relief is requested and must be submitted to:

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,


Ashlee Laydon, Rules Coordinator
Legal & Records Division

Enclosure

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2021-00961

CUONG C. DANG,
License No. 68-07669,

FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Licensee.

This matter having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission (Commission) on January 13, 2022, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Cuong Dang License No. 68-07669 authorizing Public Card Room Employee activity at Roman Casino in Seattle, Washington.

2. This license, which expires on March 15, 2022, was issued subject to Dang's compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

3. Dang has been licensed since 1999.

4. On June 29, 2021, a WSGC Special Agent received an email from Gus Routos, the General Manager of Roman Casino, Seattle. Routos informed the Agent that one of his licensed Card Room Employees, Cuong Dang had just been arrested for stealing about \$5,400 in chips while dealing at Roman.

1 5. On June 30, 2021, Routos sent both the Maverick and iTrak (surveillance)
2 Incident Reports pertaining to the theft. According to the reports, at around 1707, Dang had
3 reached into the chip tray while he was dealing, and grabbed about eighteen (18) purple \$300
4 chips with his left hand.

5 6. The report continued that Dang struggled while placing the chips into his pocket,
6 and as a result, he dropped one of the chips underneath his chair. A different Roman employee
7 came across the dropped chip and reported finding it on the floor.

8 7. On July 2, 2021, the Agent received and updated iTrak Internal Report from
9 Routos. The updated report continued the investigation into Dang's activity while working at
10 Roman from June 14, 2021 through June 29, 2021. That review discovered three additional
11 incidents and a total of \$13,500 taken:

12 a. On June 23, 2021 at approximately 1531, while at Table 8, Dang reached
13 underneath his arm with his left hand and grabbed what appeared to be a
14 full barrel¹ of \$300 chips, and put the chips into his left pocket. A total
15 of \$6,000 was taken as a result.

16 b. On June 24, 2021, at approximately 1733, while at Table 4, Dang reached
17 underneath his extended arm with his left hand and took what appeared to
18 be about fourteen (14) purple chips and put them into his left pocket. A
19 total of approximately \$4,200 was taken.

20 c. Also on June 24, 2021, at approximately 1959, while at Table 2, Dang
21 reached his left hand underneath his extended right arm and took about
22 eleven (11) \$300 chips and put them into his left pocket. This resulted in
23 Dang stealing an additional \$3,300.

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26 ¹ A barrel of chips is the amount of chips that fit into one stack in the chip rack used to transport chips.
Twenty (20) chips can fit into one barrel.

1 8. The Agent then went to Roman Casino in order to get copies of the surveillance
2 footage for all of the incidents involving Dang. While at Roman, the Agent spoke with King
3 County Sheriff's Office Detective Corbett Ford. The two exchanged contact information in
4 order to share any reports that they drafted.

5 9. On July 6, 2021, the Agent reviewed the surveillance footage that was provided
6 to him by Roman Casino's staff. The Agent's review of the footage confirmed Dang's activity
7 as had been reported.

8 10. While reviewing the footage, the Agent zoomed in on the chip trays before and
9 after Dang stole the \$300 chips. This led the Agent to believe that a slightly different total of
10 chips, \$3,000 more, had been stolen by Dang. The Agent's review determined \$16,500 in chips
11 was taken:

- 12 a. On June 23, 2021, Dang stole \$4,500 in chips.
- 13 b. On June 24, 2021, Dang stole twelve (12) \$300 chips at approximately
14 5:33 p.m. and an additional ten (10) \$300 chips at 7:59 p.m. totaling of
15 \$6,600.
- 16 c. On June 29, 2021, Dang stole a total of eighteen (18) \$300 chips totaling
17 \$5,400.

18 11. On July 8, 2021, Detective Ford reached out to the Agent regarding the total
19 amount that Dang had stolen. The Agent outlined his findings from his review of the surveillance
20 footage.

21 12. On July 15, 2021, Detective Ford sent the Agent copies of the final report that he
22 was filing for criminal charges against Dang. The conclusion of that report was that Ford
23 submitted his findings for Dang to be charged with two separate counts of Theft in the First
24 Degree, RCW 9A.56.030, and one count of Theft in the Second Degree, RCW 9A.56.030.

25 13. Interim Director Tina Griffin issued administrative charges on October 19, 2021
26 alleging that Dang's actions constituted a violation of RCW 9A.56.0404, 9.46.1961, 9.46.075

1 (1), and WAC 230-03-085(3). Further, that Dang could not show by clear and convincing
2 evidence that he was qualified for licensure as required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that his actions
3 warranted revocation of his license pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1), (8) and (10) and WAC 230-
4 03-085(1) and (9)(a) and (d).

5 14. Dang was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on October 19, 2021 to
6 the last address the Gambling Commission had on file.

7 15. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the
8 Commission by November 15, 2021. To date, the Commission has received no communication
9 from Dang.

10 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

11 1. Cuong Dang received proper notice of the charges within three days of October
12 19, 2021 via regular and certified mail, pursuant to RCW 34.05.413 RCW 34.05.434, WAC 230-
13 17-005, WAC 230-17-010, and WAC 10-08-130.

14 2. The Commission can take final action against Cuong Dang’s gambling license
15 under Case Number CR 2021-00961 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW
16 34.05.461, and WAC 230-03-085.

17 3. Cuong Dang’s license should be revoked under Case Number CR 2021-00961
18 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 9.46.153(1), RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW 34.05.461, and WAC
19 230-03-085.

20 **III. ORDER**

21 This matter having come before the Commission at its January 13, 2022, Commission
22 meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, been given the chance to review the
23 administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

24 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Cuong Dang’s gambling license, Number 68-07669, is
25 **REVOKED**.
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DATED this 13th day of January, 2022.

Bud Sizemore

BUD SIZEMORE, Chair

JULIA PATTERSON, Vice Chair

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Kristine Reeves

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Sarah Lawson

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FINAL ORDER OF THE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

IN RE: CUONG C. DANG
NO. 2021-00961

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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
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Olympia, WA 98504-0100

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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:

CUONG C DANG
11051 14TH AVE SW
SEATTLE, WA 98146

EXECUTED this 10 day of January, 2022, at Lacey, Washington.

Ashlie Laydon
Rules Coordinator

