

COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 19-016  
REGARDING EXCLUSION OF SHAUN JOSEPH BENWARD FROM  
EXCURSION GAMBLING BOATS AND FACILITIES IN MISSOURI

WHEREAS, pursuant to 11 CSR 45-15.030, the Missouri Gaming Commission (the “Commission”) has the authority to place a person on the Exclusion List for conviction of a felony in any jurisdiction of any crime involving moral turpitude or of a crime involving gaming, violating any provision of Chapter 313 RSMo or any rule promulgated by the Missouri Gaming Commission, or performing any act or having a notorious or unsavory reputation which would adversely affect public confidence and trust in gaming, or has his name on any valid and current exclusion list from another jurisdiction in the United States; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 11 CSR 45-15.010, placement on the Exclusion List prohibits such person from entering or having contact of any kind with any Missouri riverboat gaming operation; and

WHEREAS, Shaun Joseph Benward was placed on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Involuntary Exclusion List on October 21, 2015, after it was discovered that Mr. Benward and a co-conspirator engaged in a scheme to cheat at various casinos.

On October 15, 2015, Mr. Benward plead guilty to Disorderly Conduct, a misdemeanor of the third degree, in the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County, Pennsylvania, case # 555 CR 2015.

On December 4, 2018, Isle of Capri Casino, Kansas City (hereafter, “IOC-KC”) identified Mr. Benward attempting to redeem chips he had fraudulently won earlier that day. The subsequent investigation revealed that Mr. Benward changed his wager after the result of the game was known.

Further investigation revealed that on February 13, 2017, IOC-KC Surveillance reported that Mr. Benward presented a total of \$2,750 in chips to the cashier. When the cashier turned away from the window, Mr. Benward removed one \$500 orange chip. The cashier paid Mr. Benward \$2,750 for \$2,250 in chips.

Effective February 15, 2017, Mr. Benward was evicted from Lumière Place Hotels & Casino due to his cheating behavior at table games, primarily roulette. Effective February 12, 2018, Mr. Benward was evicted from all Isle of Capri properties due to him cheating at table games. Effective December 2018, Mr. Benward was evicted from Harrah’s North Kansas City based on suspicious behavior regarding his potential money laundering cash transactions. Mr. Benward is also currently evicted from all Boyd Gaming Corporation (previously Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc.) properties, including Ameristar Casino Kansas City and Ameristar Casino St. Charles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby finds that Shaun Joseph Benward is eligible for permanent placement on the Exclusion List, and the Commission directs the Executive Director to issue a Notice of Exclusion to Shaun Joseph Benward.