

COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 19-057
REGARDING EXCLUSION OF TONY RICHARDS 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 having been convicted 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, performing any act or having a notorious or unsavory reputation which would adversely affect public confidence and trust in gaming, or having 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, on March 8, 2018, Tony Richards pled guilty to one count of Violation of Laws Pertaining to River Boat Gambling, specifically section 313.830, RSMo, a Class E Felony, in the Circuit Court of Lewis County, Missouri. While employed as a Pit Manager at the Mark Twain Casino, LaGrange, Missouri, Mr. Richards knowingly cheated at a gambling game, by placing more money on a patron's bet after knowing the outcome of the hand. On April 5, 2018, the Court suspended the imposition of his sentence and ordered Mr. Richards to serve five years supervised probation and be prohibited from entering the Mark Twain Casino.

WHEREAS, based on the incident leading to his arrest and subsequent guilty plea, Mark Twain Casino terminated Mr. Richard's employment as a Pit Manager on August 15, 2017, and the Commission revoked his occupational gaming license in August 2018.

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