

COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 24-026
REGARDING EXCLUSION OF XAVIAR M. BABUDAR FROM
EXCURSION GAMBLING BOATS AND FACILITIES IN MISSOURI

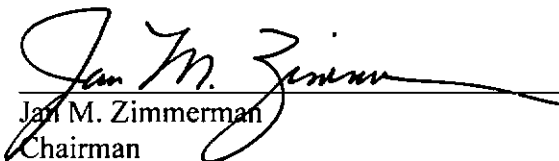
WHEREAS, pursuant to 11 CSR 45-15.030, the Missouri Gaming Commission (the "Commission") has the authority to place a person on the Exclusion List for the conviction of a felony in any jurisdiction of any crime involving moral turpitude or of a crime involving gaming, violating any provision of Chapter 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, on February 28, 2024, Xavier M. Babudar pled guilty in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri to charges related to eleven robberies and attempted robberies of financial institutions in seven states. Specifically, Babudar pled guilty to one count of money laundering, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), and one count of interstate transportation of stolen property, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 2314. Babudar also pled guilty in the Northern District of Oklahoma to one count of bank robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a). As part of his plea agreement, Babudar must pay restitution totaling at least \$532,675 and must forfeit to the government all property involved in his activities. To date, five Missouri casino properties have permanently banned Babudar due to regulatory concerns and Babudar's criminal conduct: Ameristar Casino St. Charles, Ameristar Casino Kansas City, Argosy Riverside Casino, Harrah's Kansas City, and Hollywood Casino St. Louis. Babudar is currently in federal custody without bond. Under the terms of his plea agreement, he is subject to a sentence of up to fifty years in federal prison without parole. Babudar's sentencing hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Babudar further admitted as part of his plea agreement that he had laundered his stolen money through casinos in Missouri, casinos in other states, and through online gambling. The plea agreement identified six transactions in particular, from 2022, in which Babudar deposited funds from Missouri casinos into his personal accounts. These funds were the proceeds from robberies committed by Babudar, who then used the casinos to launder the stolen funds. Babudar further admitted to a robbery in Tennessee and later using a portion of those stolen funds to purchase \$20,000 worth of chips at Harrah's Kansas City. An investigation conducted by the Missouri State Highway Patrol revealed that Babudar had approximately \$3,868,320 of buy-ins at Missouri casino properties, with most of those transactions in 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby finds that Xaviar M. Babudar is eligible for permanent placement on the Exclusion List for criminal acts that adversely affect public confidence and trust in gaming in the State of Missouri. The Commission directs the Executive Director to issue a Notice of Exclusion to Xaviar M. Babudar.


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Chairman
Missouri Gaming Commission