

COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 20-003
REGARDING EXCLUSION OF FREYA D. PEARSON 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 morale 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 her 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 October 27, 2016, Freya D. Pearson was convicted of three counts of felony Wire Fraud, four counts of felony Money Laundering, one count of felony Tax Evasion, and one count of felony Making False Statements in the United States District Court Western District of Missouri.

WHEREAS, the Court sentenced Pearson on February 22, 2017, to five years imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised probation. She was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$518,667.70. One of the special conditions of her supervised probation was that she “shall not enter any gambling establishment or engage in any type of gambling, including off-shore or Internet gambling.”

In April 2010, Pearson opened a checking account in the name “Recidivism at Work” (RAW), with herself as the sole signature authority. Pearson then convinced Marva Wilson to deposit \$480,000 into the RAW account by representing to Wilson that it was a business investment. Pearson then withdrew those funds and placed them in her own personal account. Pearson also defrauded the Weston Housing Authority by applying for and receiving federal housing benefits from April 2010 to April 2014. Pearson used the money to support a gambling habit and for personal expenses, rather than for any business purpose.

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