

**COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 22-005  
REGARDING EXCLUSION OF MATTHEW S. DOWNEY FROM  
EXCURSION GAMBLING BOATS AND FACILITIES IN MISSOURI**

January 19, 2022

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 November 17, 2015, Matthew S. Downey pled guilty to one count of Violation of Laws Pertaining to River Boat Gambling, a Class D Felony, in violation of §313.830.4(4), RSMo (2014) in the Circuit Court of Pemiscot County, Missouri. While employed as a Table Games Dealer at the Lady Luck Casino Caruthersville<sup>1</sup> (the "Casino"), in 2014 and 2015 Mr. Downey knowingly cheated at a gambling game when he exposed cards in his hand while dealing Blackjack and Mississippi Stud Poker, so as to give a patron an unfair advantage at the game. The Court suspended the imposition of his sentence and ordered Mr. Downey to complete three years supervised probation; and

WHEREAS, based on the same incident which led to his arrest and guilty plea in November 2015, the Casino terminated Mr. Downey's employment as a dealer on January 21, 2015, and the Commission revoked his occupational gaming license on or about October 2015.

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

SO ADOPTED.

  
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Mike Leara  
Chairman  
Missouri Gaming Commission

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<sup>1</sup> Lady Luck Casino Caruthersville is currently known as Century Casino Caruthersville. The Casino's name was changed in 2019.