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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION, DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING, Petitioner,

v.		ECCC Care No - 2022 015692
KEITH SHAWN PRUITT,		FGCC Case No.: 2022-015682
Respondent.	/	

FINAL ORDER

This matter appeared before the Florida Gaming Control Commission at a duly-noticed public meeting on October 6, 2022, for final agency action pursuant to sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes. After a complete review of the record in this matter, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- 1. An Administrative Complaint was filed in this case on April 29, 2022, alleging that Respondent is subject to exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of a slot machine licensee in the state of Florida under sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112, Florida Statutes. A copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and incorporated by reference.
- 2. The Administrative Complaint, Election of Rights form, an Explanation of Rights, and a cover letter were served on Respondent via certified mail on August 2, 2022. Proof of service is attached hereto as Exhibit "2" and incorporated by reference.
- 3. The Election of Rights form, Explanation of Rights, and cover letter informed Respondent that a written response to the Administrative Complaint, including the right to request

a hearing, was due within 21 days of actual service of the Administrative Complaint. See § 120.569(1), Fla. Stat., and Fla. Admin. Code. R. 28-106.111.

- 4. Petitioner informed Respondent that the failure to file a timely response to the Administrative Complaint would be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing.
- 5. Respondent has not filed a timely response to the Administrative Complaint. Respondent has not submitted any evidence or made any allegations that would support the application of the doctrine of equitable tolling.

Having considered the Administrative Complaint, the service of the Administrative Complaint with Election of Rights form, Explanation of Rights, and cover letter on Respondent along with Respondent's failure to respond, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

- 6. The allegations of fact and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are adopted in their entirety herein.
- 7. Respondent is hereby **PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED** from all pari-mutuel facilities and all facilities of a slot machine licensee within the State of Florida.
- 8. This Final Order is effective on the date it is filed with the Clerk of the Commission, as indicated on the first page of this Order.

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

On Behalf of

John MacIver, Chariman

Michael Yaworsky, Vice-Chairman

Julie Brown, Commissioner

John D'Aquila, Commissioner

Charles Drago, Commissioner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Any party to this proceeding has the right to seek its judicial review under section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by the filing of an original notice of appeal pursuant to rules 9.110 and 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Commission, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2202 (Email: clerk@fgcc.fl.gov), and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate Florida district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed (received) by the Clerk of the Commission within thirty (30) days after the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of OCTOBEC, 2022, a true and correct copy of this Final Order has been sent via U.S. Mail to:

Keith Shawn Pruitt c/o Metro West Detention Center, #220129355 13850 Northwest 41st Street Miami, Florida 33178

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION
Florida Gaming Control Commission

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Deputy Agency Clerk

CLERK Evette Lawson-Proctor

Date 4/29/2022

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING.

Petitioner,			
v.		DBPR Case No.: 2022-01568	
KEITH SHAWN PRUITT,			
Respondent.	1		
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering ("Petitioner"), files this Administrative Complaint against Keith Shawn Pruitt ("Respondent"), and alleges:

- 1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating pari-mutuel wagering, slot machines, and cardroom operations pursuant to Chapters 550, 551, and 849, Florida Statutes.
- 2. At all times material hereto, Respondent's address was reported as 1603 Northwest 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136.
- 3. At all times material hereto, Miami Casino, LLC was a facility operated by a permitholder authorized to conduct pari-mutuel wagering, slot machines, and cardroom operations in the State of Florida.
 - 4. On or about March 17, 2022, Respondent was a patron of Miami Casino, LLC.
- 5. On or about March 17, 2022, Respondent was ejected and permanently excluded from Miami Casino, LLC.
 - 6. Section 550.0251(6), Florida Statutes, provides in relevant part:



In addition to the power to exclude certain persons from any parimutuel facility in the state, the division may exclude any person from any and all pari-mutuel facilities in this state for conduct that would constitute, if the person were a licensee, a violation of this chapter or the rules of the division. The division may exclude from any pari-mutuel facility within this state any person who has been ejected from a pari-mutuel facility in this state or who has been excluded from any pari-mutuel facility in another state by the governmental department, agency, commission, or authority exercising regulatory jurisdiction over pari-mutuel facilities in such other state.

(Emphasis supplied).

7. Section 551.112, Florida Statutes, provides:

In addition to the power to exclude certain persons from any facility of a slot machine licensee in this state, the division may exclude any person from any facility of a slot machine licensee in this state for conduct that would constitute, if the person were a licensee, a violation of this chapter or the rules of the division. The division may exclude from any facility of a slot machine licensee any person who has been ejected from a facility of a slot machine licensee in this state or who has been excluded from any facility of a slot machine licensee or gaming facility in another state by the governmental department, agency, commission, or authority exercising regulatory jurisdiction over the gaming in such other state. This section does not abrogate the common law right of a slot machine licensee to exclude a patron absolutely in this state.

(Emphasis supplied).

8. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112, Florida Statutes and is subject to exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel wagering facilities and any facility of a slot machine licensee in the State of Florida based on his ejection from Miami Casino, LLC on or about March 17, 2022.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests the Division Director enter an Order excluding Respondent from all licensed pari-mutuel wagering facilities and any facility of a slot machine licensee in the State of Florida, along with any other remedy provided by Chapters 550 and 551, Florida Statutes, and/or the rules promulgated thereunder.

This Administrative Complaint for DBPR Case Number 2022-015682 is signed this 29th day of April 2022.

/s/Eric Saccomanno

Eric Saccomanno

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REQUEST A HEARING

Pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, you have the right to request a hearing to challenge the charges contained in this Administrative Complaint. If you choose to request a hearing, you will have the right to be represented by counsel, or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses, and to have subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum issued on your behalf.

Any request for an administrative proceeding to challenge or contest the charges contained in this Administrative Complaint must conform to Rule 28-106.2015, Florida Administrative Code. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.111, Florida Administrative Code, you must request a hearing within 21 days from receipt of this Notice, or you will waive your right to request a hearing.

Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available to resolve this Administrative Complaint.

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