

BEFORE THE  
CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION

CGCC Case No. CGCC-2013-1121-6A

In the Matter of the Application for Approval  
of Initial Gambling Establishment Key  
Employee License Regarding:

**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**

ANGELO LAMONT BRIDGES, SR.

Applicant.

Hearing Date: July 30, 2015  
Time: 1:30 p.m.

1. This matter was scheduled for hearing before the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19870 and 19871 and Title 4, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 12060, in Sacramento, California, on July 30, 2015.

2. Angelo Lamont Bridges, Sr. (Applicant) failed to appear and was not represented at the hearing.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

3. On or about March 16, 2011, the Commission received an Application for Approval of Gambling Establishment Key Employee License from Applicant.

4. On or about March 22, 2014, the Bureau issued its Cardroom Key Employee Background Investigation Report (Bureau Report) in which it concluded that Applicant was unqualified for licensure pursuant to Business and Profession Code section 19857 and disqualified for licensure pursuant to Business and Profession Code section 19859. The Bureau recommended that the Commission deny Applicant's application

5. On or about November 27, 2013, the Commission considered Applicant's application and voted to refer the matter to an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Title 4, CCR section 12050, subdivision (b).

6. Applicant received notice of Commission consideration of Applicant's application in two ways. First, Commission staff mailed an evidentiary hearing referral letter via certified

1 mail to Applicant's address of record on November 27, 2013 which included a blank Notice of  
2 Defense form with instructions to return it to the Commission within 15 days of receipt or else the  
3 Commission may issue a default decision.

4 7. Second, Applicant further received notice of the hearing through a letter mailed by  
5 Deputy Attorney General Ronald Diedrich on February 25, 2015. This letter included a Notice of  
6 Defense form with instructions to return it within 15 days or else the Commission may issue a  
7 default decision. Deputy Attorney General Ronald Diedrich sent the Commission a letter on  
8 April 7, 2015 which indicated that he had not received the Notice of Defense form and had no  
9 Communication with Applicant. (Exhibit A)

10 8. Third, Applicant further received notice of the hearing through a hearing notice  
11 sent certified mail on April 24, 2015 to Applicant's address of record which included Exhibit A  
12 and stated that the hearing was set to occur on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Commission  
13 staff received the notice of hearing package back returned to sender unclaimed and unable to  
14 forward return to sender.

#### 15 DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

16 9. An application to receive a license constitutes a request for a determination of the  
17 applicant's general character, integrity, and ability to participate in, engage in, or be associated  
18 with, controlled gambling. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 19856, subd. (b).)

19 10. In addition, the burden of proving Applicant's qualifications to receive any license  
20 from the Commission is on the applicant. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 19856, subd. (a).)

21 11. At an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections  
22 19870 and 19871 and Title 4, CCR section 12060 the burden of proof rests with the applicant to  
23 demonstrate why a license should be issued. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4, § 12060, subd. (i).)

24 12. Title 4, CCR section 12052, subdivision (c), provides in pertinent part:

25 (c) An applicant for any license, permit, finding of suitability,  
26 renewal, or other approval shall be given notice of the meeting at  
27 which the application is scheduled to be heard. Notice shall be given  
pursuant to Section 12006.

28 \* \* \*

1 (2) If the application is to be scheduled at an evidentiary  
2 hearing, pursuant to subsections (a) or (b) of Section 12060, the  
3 notice of hearing shall inform the applicant of the following:

4 \* \* \*

5 (F) The waiver of an evidentiary hearing, or failure of  
6 the applicant to submit a Notice of Defense, or failure of an applicant  
7 to appear at an evidentiary hearing, may result in:

8 1. A default decision being issued by the  
9 Commission based upon the Bureau report, any supplemental reports  
10 by the Bureau and any other documents or testimony already  
11 provided or which might be provided to the Commission . . . .

12 13. The Commission takes official notice of the Bureau Report, any supplemental  
13 reports by the Bureau and any other documents or testimony already provided to it in this matter  
14 as required by Business and Professions Code section 19870, subdivision (a) and Title 4, CCR  
15 section 12052, subdivision (c)(2)(F)(1).

16 14. The Commission has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

17 15. The Commission may deny Applicant's application based upon the Bureau Report,  
18 any supplemental reports by the Bureau and any other documents or testimony already provided  
19 to it, pursuant to CCR section 12052, subdivision (c)(2)(F)(1), and Business and Professions  
20 Code sections 19857 and 19859.

21 16. The Commission may further also deny Applicant's application based upon  
22 Applicant's failure to prove to the Commission Applicant is qualified to receive a license or other  
23 approval as required by Business and Profession Code section 19856, subdivision (a) and Title 4,  
24 CCR section 12060(i).

25 17. Therefore, as the Applicant failed to return a Notice of Defense form, did not  
26 attend the default hearing, and did not submit any information or evidence in favor of granting  
27 Applicant's Application, Applicant did not meet Applicant's burden of demonstrating why a  
28 license should be issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19856(a) and Title 4,  
CCR section 12060(i). The Commission further finds that pursuant to California Code of  
Regulations, Title 4, section 12052, subdivision (c)(2)(F)(1), Applicant's Application is subject to  
denial.

1 NOTICE OF APPLICANT'S APPEAL RIGHTS

2 Applicant has the following appeal rights available under state law:

3 Title 4, CCR section 12064, subdivision (a) and (b) provide, in part:

4 (a) After the Commission issues a decision following a GCA hearing conducted  
5 pursuant to Section 12060, an applicant denied a license, permit, registration, or  
6 finding of suitability, or whose license, permit, registration, or finding of  
7 suitability has had conditions, restrictions, or limitations imposed upon it, may  
8 request reconsideration by the Commission within 30 calendar days of service of  
9 the decision, or before the effective date specified in the decision, whichever is  
10 later.

11 (b) A request for reconsideration shall be made in writing to the Commission,  
12 copied to the Bureau, and shall state the reasons for the request, which must be  
13 based upon either:

14 (1) Newly discovered evidence or legal authorities that could not  
15 reasonably have been presented before the Commission's issuance of the  
16 decision or at the hearing on the matter; or,

17 (2) Other good cause which the Commission may decide, in its sole  
18 discretion, merits reconsideration.

19 Business and Professions Code section 19870, subdivision (e) provides:

20 A decision of the commission denying a license or approval, or imposing any  
21 condition or restriction on the grant of a license or approval may be reviewed by  
22 petition pursuant to Section 1085 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Section 1094.5  
23 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall not apply to any judicial proceeding  
24 described in the foregoing sentence, and the court may grant the petition only if  
25 the court finds that the action of the commission was arbitrary and capricious, or  
26 that the action exceeded the commission's jurisdiction.

27 Title 4, CCR section 12066, subdivision (c) provides:

28 A decision of the Commission denying an application or imposing conditions on a  
license shall be subject to judicial review as provided in Business and Professions  
Code section 19870, subdivision (e). Neither the right to petition for judicial  
review nor the time for filing the petition shall be affected by failure to seek  
reconsideration.

///  
///  
///

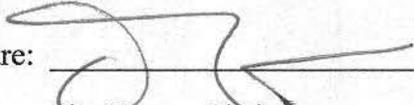
**ORDER**

1  
2  
3 1. Angelo Lamont Bridges, Sr.'s Application for Approval of Gambling  
4 Establishment Key Employee License is DENIED.

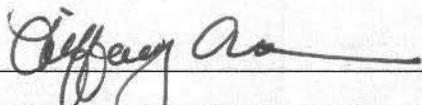
5 2. Angelo Lamont Bridges, Sr. may not apply to the Commission or the Bureau for  
6 any type of license, registration or work permit for one (1) year after the effective date of this  
7 Order.

8  
9 This Order is effective on September 14, 2015.

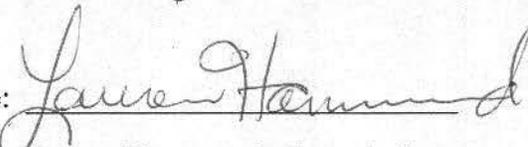
10  
11 Dated: 8-13-15

Signature:   
Jim Evans, Chairman

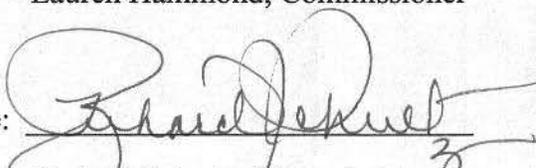
12  
13  
14 Dated: Aug. 13, 2015

Signature:   
Tiffany E. Conklin, Commissioner

15  
16 LRH  
17 Dated: 8-13-15

Signature:   
Lauren Hammond, Commissioner

18  
19  
20 Dated: Aug 13, 2015

Signature:   
Richard Schuetz, Commissioner

KAMALA D. HARRIS  
Attorney General

State of California  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



1300 I STREET, SUITE 125  
P.O. BOX 944255  
SACRAMENTO, CA 94244-2550

Public: (916) 445-9555  
Telephone: (916) 322-1043  
Facsimile: (916) 327-2319  
E-Mail: Ronald.Diedrich@doj.ca.gov

April 7, 2015

Todd Vlaanderen  
Chief Counsel  
California Gambling Control Commission  
2399 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95833-4231

2015 APR -9 AM 11:53  
CALIFORNIA GAMBLING  
CENTRAL CONTROL COMMISSION

RE: *In the Matter of the Statement of Reasons Against: Angelo Bridges, Sr.*  
CGCC Case No. CGCC-2013-1121-6A / BGC Case No. BGC-HQ2013-00007SL

Dear Mr. Vlaanderen:

The Bureau of Gambling Control requests that the Commission issue a default decision denying Angelo Bridges, Sr.'s application for a Key Employee License pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12052, subdivision (c)(2)(F)(1).

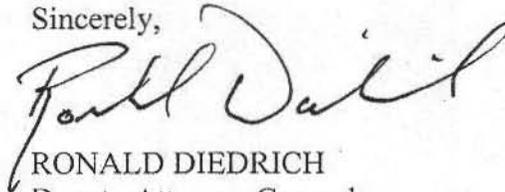
Enclosed for consideration by the Commission is a February 25, 2015 letter to Angelo Bridges, Sr., with enclosed Notice of Defense form, a copy of California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12052, and a Declaration of Service;

Also, a Notice of Defense has not been received and we have had no communications as of this date with Mr. Bridges.

Todd Vlaanderen  
April 7, 2015  
Page 2

If you have any questions or if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Diedrich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronald" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Diedrich".

RONALD DIEDRICH  
Deputy Attorney General

For KAMALA D. HARRIS  
Attorney General

RLD:lit

Enclosures

cc: Angelo Bridges, Sr.  
Stacey Luna Baxter, Assistant Bureau Chief, Bureau  
Tina Littleton, Executive Director, Commission