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RE:

Action in Lieu of Complaint

Dear Mr. Goldich:

The Division of Gaming Enforcement ("Division") brings this Action in Lieu of Complaint against you, as the holder of casino key employee license #10041-11, concerning your gambling activity in violation of the Casino Control Act ("Act"), *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-1, et seq. In particular, you violated the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-100n(1) by gambling at the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa while licensed as a casino key employee.

You were issued temporary casino key employee license #10041-11 on August 3, 2018, and plenarily licensed on August 7, 2019. You commenced employment as a sportsbook supervisor at the Golden Nugget Atlantic City on August 6, 2018, and worked in that capacity until July 15, 2019, when you were placed on a temporary leave of absence with an anticipated recall date of August 26, 2019. Division investigation has revealed, and you have admitted, that you gambled at the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa between August 2 and August 4, 2019. This gambling activity was captured on surveillance.

At 6:34 p.m. on August 2, 2019, you bought \$300 in chips from the poker room cage and commenced playing poker. At 7:46 p.m., you cashed out \$129. At 7:50 p.m., you entered the simulcasting area and placed a \$28 horse race wager, which did not win. You then returned to the poker room at 8:03 p.m., bought \$700 in chips, and resumed poker



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Division notes that you continued with your casino key employee license application and were plenarily licensed during this temporary leave of absence. In addition, during this time, you were responsible for maintaining your benefit payments through your employer, Golden Nugget Atlantic City.

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play. At 12:26 a.m., you cashed out for \$1,014. At 6:52 p.m. on August 3, 2019, you bought \$200 in chips and played poker at several tables in the main poker room. At 8:42 p.m., you cashed out \$283 and proceeded to play at a different table. You continued to play poker until you cashed out for \$305 at 2:14 a.m. on August 4, 2019.

Subsection 100n(1) of the Act provides that it "shall be unlawful for any casino key employee licensee to wager in any casino or simulcasting facility in this State." Further, such prohibition continues for 30 days following termination of employment under Subsection 100n(3) of the Act. In the instant matter, you violated this statute by wagering at the poker room and simulcasting facility at the Borgata Casino Hotel and Spa between August 2 and August 4, 2019 having commenced a temporary leave of absence on July 15, 2019 with an anticipated recall date of August 26, 2019. As set forth above, this gambling activity occurred while you held your temporary casino key employee license and within 30 days of being placed on a temporary leave of absence from the Golden Nugget Atlantic City with an anticipated recall date.

Section 129 of the Act authorizes the Division to impose civil penalties of up to \$20,000 for each violation of the Act by an individual. In assessing the circumstances here, the Division accepts your offer to pay a civil monetary penalty pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-129 and -130 in the amount of \$1,250 under the Act in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-145a, which includes your \$419 in monies won and \$831 as the penalty for your conduct, and which you have agreed to pay in recognition of your violation of *N.J.S.A.* 5:12-100n(1) with regard to your gambling as a casino key employee licensee. The Division's Revenue Unit will contact you regarding your obligation to address the penalty imposed herein. Since failure to pay your civil penalty could affect your ability to work in the casino industry, it is important that you contact DAG Jordan Hollander at 609-376-9533 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

DAVID REBUCK DIRECTOR

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c: Ed Sysol, Revenue Unit