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NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

1 NGC Case No. 25-07

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STATE OF NEVADA

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BEFORE THE NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION

6 In the Matter of the Exclusion of:
7 MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER,

FINAL ORDER OF EXCLUSION

8 From Licensed Gaming Establishments
9 In the State of Nevada

10 On January 14, 2026, the Nevada Gaming Control Board (BOARD) entered its Order
11 nominating MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER as a candidate to the "List of Excluded
12 Persons" pursuant to NRS 463.151 through 463.155 and Nevada Gaming Commission
13 (Commission) Regulation 28. After being personally served while in Federal custody with
14 the Notice of Candidacy and Order of Nomination to List of Excluded Persons on February
15 18, 2026, MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER failed to request a hearing before the
16 Commission pursuant to NRS 463.153(1). The BOARD filed a Bill of Particulars on April
17 14, 2026, which was served on MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER on April 1, 2026 by
18 certified mail at the halfway house where he resides. This matter came before the
19 Commission on April 23, 2026. MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER, being duly noticed of the
20 meeting, did not appear. Nona ML Lawrence, Deputy Attorney General, appeared on
21 behalf of the BOARD.

22 Having reviewed and carefully considered the record together with all of the
23 evidence presented, the Commission, believing it to be fully advised on the facts and issues
24 before it, makes the following findings:

FINDINGS OF FACT

26 1. MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER is a person who has been convicted of
27 felonies under the laws of the United States as follows:

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1 2. In the case of *U.S. v. MATHEW R. BOWYER* (Case No. 8:24-cr-00080-JWH-1)
2 (U.S. District Court for the Central District of California), Mr. BOWYER pleaded guilty on
3 or about May 13, 2024, to Operating an Unlawful Gambling Business, in violation of 18
4 U.S.C. § 1955; Transactional Money Laundering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1957; and
5 Subscribing to a False Tax Return, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1), all of which are
6 felonies. Mr. BOWYER was adjudged guilty on August 29, 2025.

7 3. MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER is a person who has been convicted of crimes
8 involving moral turpitude as follows:

9 a. The above-described criminal conviction of Subscribing to a False Tax
10 Return, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1), in the case of *U.S. v. MATHEW R. BOWYER*
11 (Case No. 8:24-cr-00080-JWH-1) (U.S. District Court for the Central District of California).

12 4. MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER is a person who has been convicted of crimes
13 involving violations of the gaming laws of other states as follows:

14 a. The above-described criminal conviction of Conspiracy to Operate an
15 Unlawful Gambling Business, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 in the case of *U.S. v. MATHEW*
16 *R. BOWYER* (Case No. 8:24-cr-00080-JWH-1) (U.S. District Court for the Central District
17 of California) is a violation of California Penal Code Section 337(a) (prohibiting bookmaking
18 within the state of California).

19 5. MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER is a person of notorious or unsavory
20 reputation, and such reputation would adversely affect public confidence and trust that the
21 gaming industry is free from criminal or corruptive elements. The notorious or unsavory
22 reputation of MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER is evidenced as follows:

23 a. The above-described felony convictions under the laws of the United
24 States, in the case of *U.S. v. MATHEW R. BOWYER* (Case No. 8:24-cr-00080-JWH-1) (U.S.
25 District Court for the Central District of California).

26 b. Multiple disciplinary complaints have been filed against Nevada casino
27 licensees stemming from the activities of Mr. BOWYER. Mr. BOWYER used illicit funds
28 obtained from his bookmaking activities to wager millions of dollars at casino properties

1 while concealing the source of those funds and purporting to be a legitimate business
2 owner. The casino licensees allowed Mr. BOWER to wager without adequately verifying
3 his source of income as required by the Bank Secrecy Act.

4 c. Mr. BOWYER's notorious and unsavory reputation is reflected in
5 numerous media reports and a United States Department of Justice press release
6 describing his activities. Mr. BOWYER admits to transporting the proceeds of his illegal
7 bookmaking business to casinos worldwide, including in Las Vegas. Mr. BOWYER has
8 given several live interviews to media outlets, including CNN, ABC, Fox, Forbes, and CBS,
9 where he admits to accepting tens of millions of dollars in wagers, laundering the money
10 through casinos, and pressing the casinos for all possible comps on his play. Mr. BOWYER
11 authored a book regarding his illegal bookmaking activities, operates a podcast describing
12 his operation, and maintains a website, MathewBowyer.com, where all of his live
13 interviews and media articles are contained. Mr. BOWYER was also interviewed by the
14 Las Vegas Review Journal while in prison as recently as February 19, 2026, where he
15 discussed his activities at casinos in Nevada.

16 6. The race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, or sex of MATHEW
17 RAYMOND BOWYER is not and has not been considered for placing his name on the List
18 of Excluded Persons.

19 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

20 7. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to NRS 463.153(1).

21 8. The procedural requirements of the Nevada Gaming Control Act and
22 Commission Regulation 28 have been satisfied.

23 9. The sole issue before the Commission is whether at least one of the criteria
24 set forth in NRS 463.151(3) to place MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER on the List of
25 Excluded Persons has been met.

26 10. The Nevada Legislature has provided that the BOARD may nominate, and
27 the Commission may so include a person on the List of Excluded Persons by reason of the
28 fact that such person has a "[p]rior conviction of a crime which is a felony in this state or

1 under the laws of the United States, a crime involving moral turpitude or a violation of the
2 gaming laws of any state." NRS 463.151(3)(a).

3 11. The Nevada Legislature has further provided that the Board may nominate,
4 and the Commission may so include a person on the List of Excluded Persons by reason of
5 the fact that such person has a "[n]otorious or unsavory reputation which would adversely
6 affect public confidence and trust that the gaming industry is free from criminal or
7 corruptive elements." NRS 463.151(3)(c).

8 12. The Commission has also determined that a finding of any one of the criteria
9 set forth in NRS 463.151(3) is sufficient to place the name of an individual on the List of
10 Excluded Persons. See Commission Regulation 28.010(2).

11 13. Given the preceding Findings of Fact, the criteria of NRS 463.151(3)(a), that
12 MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER has been convicted of i) felonies under the laws of the
13 United States, ii) crimes involving moral turpitude, and iii) crimes involving violation of
14 the gaming laws of any state, is met. In addition, the criteria of NRS 463.151(3)(c), that
15 MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER has a notorious or unsavory reputation which would
16 adversely affect public confidence and trust that the gaming industry is free from criminal
17 or corruptive elements, is met.

18 14. Should any of the foregoing Conclusions of Law be deemed Findings of Fact,
19 they shall be so construed.

20 Accordingly, the Commission finds and concludes that MATHEW RAYMOND
21 BOWYER is a person whose presence in licensed gaming establishments would pose a
22 threat to the interests of this state or to licensed gaming, or both. Based on the foregoing,
23 and good cause appearing:

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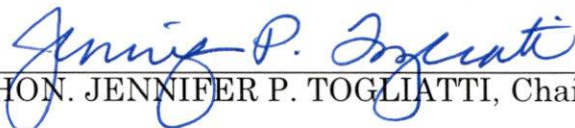
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1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that MATHEW RAYMOND BOWYER be, and hereby is
2 placed on the list of persons to be excluded or ejected from any licensed gaming
3 establishment in the State of Nevada which conducts pari-mutuel wagering or operates
4 any race book, sports pool or games, other than slot machines only.

5 DATED this 23 day of April, 2026.


6 NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION

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