

NGC Case No. 21-05

STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Exclusion of:

KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON,

a.k.a. Kendrick Weatherspoon, Kendrick L. Weatherspoon, Kendrick Laront Weatherspoon, Kendrick Larunte Weatherspoon, and Kendrick Laronte Weatherspoon, Sr.;

From Licensed Gaming Establishments In the State of Nevada FINAL ORDER OF EXCLUSION

On January 5, 2022, the Nevada Gaming Control Board (BOARD) entered its Order nominating KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON as a candidate to the "List of Excluded Persons" pursuant to NRS 463.151 through 463.155 and Nevada Gaming Commission (Commission) Regulation 28. After being personally served with the Notice of Candidacy and Order of Nomination to List of Excluded Persons on February 8, 2022, and served by certified mail on February 16, 2022, KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON failed to request a hearing before the Commission pursuant to NRS 463.153(1). The BOARD filed a Bill of Particulars on April 1, 2022, which was served on KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON on April 1, 2022. This matter came before the Commission on August 25, 2022. KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON, being duly noticed of the meeting, did not appear. MICHAEL P. SOMPS, Senior Deputy Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the BOARD.

Having reviewed and carefully considered the record together with all of the evidence presented, the Commission, believing it to be fully advised on the facts and

issues before it, makes the following findings:

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FINDINGS OF FACT

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KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON is a person who has been convicted of crimes which are felonies in Nevada as follows:

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In the case of The State of Nevada v. Kendrick Weatherspoon, (Case No. C-21-356635-1) (District Court, Clark County, Nevada), KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON plead guilty to, and was convicted on or about February 17, 2022, of

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two Counts of Coercion (Felonies) in violation of NRS 207.190.

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In the case of The State of Nevada v. Kendrick Weatherspoon. (Case No. (District

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C183812) Court. Clark County, Nevada). KENDRICK LARONTE

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WEATHERSPOON was convicted on or about December 2, 2002 of the crimes of

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Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell (Felony) and Possession of Firearm

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by Ex-Felon (Felony), in violation of NRS 453.337 and NRS 202.360.

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iii. In the case of The State of Nevada v. Kendrick Laronte Weatherspoon, (Case

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No. C171479) (District Court, Clark County, Nevada), KENDRICK LARONTE

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WEATHERSPOON was convicted on or about September 19, 2001 of the crime of

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Possession of Controlled Substance (Cocaine) (Felony), in violation of NRS 453.336.

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evidenced as follows:

In the case of The State of Nevada v. Kendrick Weatherspoon, (Case No. C137629X) (District Court, Clark County, Nevada), KENDRICK LARONTE

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WEATHERSPOON was convicted on or about December 5, 1996 of Possession of

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Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell (Felony), in violation of NRS 453.337.

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KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON is a person of notorious or

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unsavory reputation, and such reputation would adversely affect public confidence and

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trust that the gaming industry is free from criminal or corruptive elements.

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notorious or unsavory reputation of KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON is

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· i. The above-described conviction of KENDRICK LARONTE

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WEATHERSPOON of two felony counts of the crime of Coercion in the case of The State

of Nevada v. Kendrick Weatherspoon, (Case No. C-21-356635-1). These convictions were by way of initial charges of Residential Burglary, First Degree Kidnapping, Sex Trafficking, Battery by Strangulation with Intent to Commit Sexual Assault, and Sexual Assault. As part of Mr. WEATHERSPOON's sentence on these convictions placing him on probation, he is required to "[s]tay out of the strip corridor." Further, the allegations giving rise to the initial charges and the convictions relate to Mr. WEATHERSPOON's activities occurring in and around Nevada licensed gaming establishments given that the victim's allegations include that she met Mr. WEATHERSPOON at a Nevada licensed gaming establishment, and he subsequently convinced her to engage in prostitution for him at another Nevada licensed gaming establishment. However, the victim alleged that she changed her mind and upon returning home, Mr. WEATHERSPOON battered and sexually assaulted her.

vi. The above-described felony criminal convictions of KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON of the crimes of Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell and Possession of Firearm by Ex-Felon in the case of *The State of Nevada v. Kendrick Weatherspoon* (Case No. C183812), Possession of Controlled Substance (Cocaine) in the case of *The State of Nevada v. Kendrick Laronte Weatherspoon*, (Case No. C171479), and Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell in the case of *The State of Nevada v. Kendrick Weatherspoon*, (Case No. C137629X).

vii. In the case of *The State of Nevada v. Kendrick Laronte Weatherspoon*, (Case No. 19M10323X) (Las Vegas Township Justice Court), KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON was convicted on July 11, 2019 of Domestic Battery, a misdemeanor. Further, the victim alleged she was a prostitute for Mr. WEATHERSPOON.

viii. In the case of *The State of Nevada v. Kendrick Laronte Weatherspoon*, (Case No. 19F05536X) (Las Vegas Township Justice Court), KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON was convicted on May 8, 2019 of Domestic Battery, a misdemeanor. This conviction was by way of initial charges of Sex Trafficking, Living from the Earnings of a Prostitute, and Battery Constituting Domestic Violence. Further, the victim alleged

that she was a prostitute for Mr. WEATHERSPOON and that Mr. WEATHERSPOON had battered her following an argument they had while travelling in an Uber transporting them from a Nevada licensed gaming establishment.

- ix. In a case concerning KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON, (Case No. CR018134-09) (North Las Vegas Municipal Court), KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON was convicted on November 5, 2009 of Battery Domestic Violence.
- x. KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON has a history of arrests related to his activities in and around Nevada licensed gaming establishments on charges related to trespassing, theft, and violence against women.
- xi. KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON has a history of arrests related to violence against women who claim to be prostitutes for Mr. WEATHERSPOON.
- xii. Since 2017, KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON has been trespassed from at least 5 Nevada licensed gaming establishments, one of which arose from an investigation into a grand larceny "trick roll" committed by a suspected prostitute who was detained while trying to depart the gaming establishment in a vehicle driven by Mr. WEATHERSPOON.
- 3. The race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, or sex of KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON is not and has not been considered for placing his name on the List of Excluded Persons.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 4. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to NRS 463.153(1).
- 5. The procedural requirements of the Nevada Gaming Control Act and Commission Regulation 28 have been satisfied.
- 6. The sole issue before the Commission is whether at least one of the criteria set forth in NRS 463.151(3) to place KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON on the List of Excluded Persons has been met.
- 7. The Nevada Legislature has provided that the BOARD may nominate and the Commission may so include a person on the List of Excluded Persons by reason of the

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fact that such person has a "[p]rior conviction of a crime which is a felony in this state or under the laws of the United States, a crime involving moral turpitude or a violation of the gaming laws of any state." NRS 463.151(3)(a).

- The Nevada Legislature has further provided that the Board may nominate 8. and the Commission may so include a person on the List of Excluded Persons by reason of the fact that such person has a "[n]otorious or unsavory reputation which would adversely affect public confidence and trust that the gaming industry is free from criminal or corruptive elements." NRS 463.151(3)(c).
- 9. The Commission has also determined that a finding of any one of the criteria set forth in NRS 463.151(3) is sufficient to place the name of an individual on the List of Excluded Persons. See Commission Regulation 28.010(2).
- **10**. Given the preceding Findings of Fact, the criteria of NRS 463.151(3)(a), that KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON has been convicted of crimes which are felonies in this state, is met. In addition, the criteria of NRS 463.151(3)(c), that KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON has a notorious or unsavory reputation which would adversely affect public confidence and trust that the gaming industry is free from criminal or corruptive elements, is met.
- Should any of the foregoing Conclusions of Law be deemed Findings of Fact, 11. they shall be so construed.

Accordingly, the Commission finds and concludes that KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON is a person whose presence in licensed gaming establishments would pose a threat to the interests of this state or to licensed gaming, or both. Based on the foregoing, and good cause appearing:

1	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that KENDRICK LARONTE WEATHERSPOON be,
2	and hereby is placed on the list of persons to be excluded or ejected from any licensed
3	gaming establishment in the State of Nevada which conducts pari-mutuel wagering or
4	operates any race book, sports pool or games, other than slot machines only.
5	DATED this 25th day of August, 2022.
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