OCCC CASE NO. L19-00131

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	BEFORE THE
LICENSE NO.: 1433924	§ §	OFFICE OF CONSUMER
AARON CRAWFORD	§ §	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
1089 HARRISON RD.	§	
DENISON, TEXAS 75021	ş	STATE OF TEXAS

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner ("OCCC") issues this Order to Cease and Desist against Aaron Crawford, based on the violations of law described below.¹

Statement of Facts and Law

An individual who is employed at a pawnshop to write pawn transactions, buy or sell merchandise, or supervise another employee who writes pawn transactions or buys or sells merchandise to a consumer must either hold a pawnshop employee license on the date of employment or apply for a pawnshop employee license not later than the 75th day after beginning employment.²

On November 13, 2017, the OCCC received Aaron Crawford's application for a pawnshop employee license related to Aaron Crawford's employment with F Marr Inc., which is licensed by the OCCC under Master File No. 2600. Aaron Crawford was issued a pawnshop employee license (No. 1433924) and the license is currently active.

According to the license application, Aaron Crawford began working for F Marr Inc. on July 15, 2017. Aaron Crawford did not hold an active pawnshop employee license on July 15, 2017. Aaron Crawford worked 121 days as a pawnshop employee before submitting a license application to the OCCC, in violation of Section 371.101(a) of the Texas Finance Code.

¹ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

² Tex. Fin. Code § 371.101(a).

Authority

If the Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that a person is violating Chapter 371, the Commissioner may issue an order to cease and desist from the violation, take affirmative action, or both, to enforce compliance.³

The Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that Aaron Crawford is violating Chapter 371 by writing pawn transactions, buying or selling merchandise, or supervising another employee who writes pawn transactions or buys or sells merchandise without either holding a pawnshop employee license or applying for a pawnshop employee license within 75 days of beginning employment.

Order

IT IS ORDERED that Aaron Crawford cease and desist from writing pawn transactions, buying or selling merchandise, or supervising another employee who writes pawn transactions or buys or sells merchandise without holding a pawnshop employee license or applying for a license within 75 days of beginning employment.

Violation of Order

Aaron Crawford may be assessed an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 for each day of violating this Order after it becomes final.⁴ Multiple violations may also result in license revocation.⁵

Right to Request Hearing

Aaron Crawford has the right to request a hearing regarding this Order.⁶ A request must be made in writing and sent to the OCCC not later than 30 days after receiving this Order. The request must be sent to:

³ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(a).

⁴ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

⁵ Tex. Fin. Code § 371.255; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.604(b)(5), (7).

⁶ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

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If Aaron Crawford requests a hearing, a hearing on this matter will be set and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001 of the Texas Government Code.⁷ If Aaron Crawford does not request a hearing by the deadline, this Order is considered final and enforceable.⁸

All communications with the OCCC concerning this matter must be through Michael Rigby, General Counsel, who may be contacted by mail at 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, by telephone at (512) 936-7623, or by email to michael.rigby@occc.texas.gov.

Signed this 9th day of November, 2018.

/s/Leslie L. Pettijohn
Leslie L. Pettijohn
Consumer Credit Commissioner
State of Texas

⁷ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

⁸ Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on November 15, 2018, a true and correct copy of this Order to Cease and Desist has been sent to Aaron Crawford by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

CMRRR# 91 7199 9991 7037 5160 3512 Aaron Crawford 1089 Harrison Rd. Denison, TX 75021

CMRRR# 91 7199 9991 7037 5160 3529 F Marr Inc. ATTN: Aaron Crawford 700 W. Main St. Denison, TX 75020

/s/Michael Rigby

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