### **OCCC CASE NO. L19-00147**

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	BEFORE THE
LICENSE NO.: 1434055	§ 8	OFFICE OF CONSUMER
LICENSE IVO 1434033	9 §	OFFICE OF CONSOMER
JOSE AREVALO	§	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
3849 COMMON WEALTH DR.	§	
GARLAND, TEXAS 75043	§	STATE OF TEXAS

## ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner ("OCCC") issues this Order to Cease and Desist against Jose Arevalo, based on the violations of law described below.<sup>1</sup>

### 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.<sup>2</sup>

On September 5, 2017, the OCCC received Jose Arevalo's application for a pawnshop employee license related to Jose Arevalo's employment with Edward Hughes, which is licensed by the OCCC under Master File No. 18542. Jose Arevalo was issued a pawnshop employee license (No. 1434055) and the license is currently active.

According to the license application, Jose Arevalo began working for Edward Hughes on June 6, 2017. Jose Arevalo did not hold an active pawnshop employee license on June 6, 2017. Jose Arevalo worked 91 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

The Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that Jose Arevalo 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 Jose Arevalo 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

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

# **Right to Request Hearing**

Jose Arevalo has the right to request a hearing regarding this Order.<sup>6</sup> 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:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 371.255; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.604(b)(5), (7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

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

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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 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 Jose Arevalo by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

CMRRR# 91 7199 9991 7037 5160 3833 Jose Arevalo 3849 Common Wealth Dr. Garland, TX 75043

CMRRR# 91 7199 9991 7037 5160 3840 Edward Hughes ATTN: Jose Arevalo 3005 Creekbend Ct. Sachse, TX 75048

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