



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

92-6

April 6, 1992

P R E S S R E L E A S E

On March 11, 1992, Ethics Commission Staff Attorney Rachel S. Rubin filed a complaint (Docket No. 92-6) against Mr. Demetrios Louziotis, Sr., the Executive Director of the State Division of Special Revenue. The Complaint alleged that Mr. Louziotis used his public office or position to obtain financial gain for his brother, in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(c), when he recommended and authorized the hiring of his brother .

On April 6, 1992 the Ethics Commission and the Respondent settled this matter by entering into a Stipulation and Order (copies of the Complaint and Stipulation are attached). Under the Stipulation, the Respondent agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500.00.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

DOCKET NUMBER 92-6) STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
IN THE MATTER OF A) 97 ELM STREET (REAR)
COMPLAINT AGAINST) HARTFORD, CONN. 06106
MR. DEMETRIOS LOUZIOTIS) MARCH 25, 1992

STIPULATION

1. The Commission finds that the Respondent violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(c) when he recommended and authorized his brother for employment with the State Division of Special Revenue.

2. The Commission further finds that the Respondent had not familiarized himself with the Code of Ethics and, therefore, the violation was not intentional. Furthermore, the Respondent contacted the Commission upon learning of his apparent violation of the Code in order to fully cooperate and quickly resolve this matter. Nonetheless, the conduct was inconsistent with the standards required of a public official.

3. The Respondent submits: "I must concur in the Commission's finding of an unintentional violation of the Ethics Code. However, had I known that placing the resume of a member of my immediate family into the applicant stream for a classified position did constitute a violation, I certainly would never have done so. My mistake was the belief that no ethical conflict arose as long as the assessment of applicant qualifications and merit selection were undertaken by the Department of Administrative Services under the state personnel system.

Immediately upon learning that a violation of the ethics code may have occurred, I took the necessary steps to terminate the employee in question. I also immediately initiated contact with the Commission in an effort to resolve this question in an expeditious and cooperative manner."

4. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§1-82, 1-82a and §1-80(i), including the right to a hearing in this case; and agrees with the Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by subsection 4-177(d), General Statutes.

WHEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission enters, and Mr. Demetrios Louziotis agrees to, these orders: In lieu of any other action it is authorized to take with respect to this matter, the Commission orders the Respondent to pay a civil penalty of \$ 500.00 within thirty days.

Demetrios Louziotis
Respondent

4-6-92
Dated

Gregory R. Hanzreck
Chairperson
State Ethics Commission

April 6, 1992
Dated

CONNECTICUT STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

97 ELM STREET (REAR)
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
TELEPHONE NUMBER 566-4472

CONFIDENTIAL

Docket No. 92-6

COMPLAINT

THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION ISSUES A COMPLAINT ALLEGING A VIOLATION OF:

 x THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND STATE EMPLOYEES, CHAPTER 10, PART I, GENERAL STATUTES

 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR LOBBYISTS, CHAPTER 10, PART II, GENERAL STATUTES

TIME AND DATE MATTERS COMPLAINED OF OCCURRED:

On or about January 10, 1992

PLACE VIOLATION OCCURRED:

Division of Special Revenue
Newington, CT

PERSONS INVOLVED:

Mr. Demetrios Louziotis

WITNESSES:

N/A

CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH INDICATE THAT THE CODE OF ETHICS DESIGNATED ABOVE WAS VIOLATED ARE AS FOLLOWS (A SHORT, PLAIN STATEMENT ALLEGING A VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 10, GENERAL STATUTES):

See attached statement

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

It is hereby alleged that:

1. Mr. Demetrios Louziotis, Sr. (hereinafter the "Respondent") is the Executive Director of the State Division of Special Revenue.

2. The Respondent is a public official pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-79(k) and subject to the requirements of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, Chapter 10, Part I, General Statutes.

3. The State Division of Special Revenue established a new unit within the division to oversee the operation of the Mashantucket Pequot casino in Ledyard.

4. The Respondent recommended and authorized the hiring of his brother, John Louziotis, to work in the unit described in paragraph 3.

5. The activity alleged in paragraph 4 was a use of the Respondent's public office or position to obtain financial gain for his brother, in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(c).

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