

OCCC CASE NO. L19-00103

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	BEFORE THE
LICENSE NO.: 1438160	§	OFFICE OF CONSUMER
TE'JARA MAIS	§	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
317 WEBB DRIVE	§	STATE OF TEXAS
WACO, TEXAS 76705	§	

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner (“OCCC”) issues this Order to Cease and Desist against Te'jara Mais, 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 July 19, 2018, the OCCC received Te'jara Mais's application for a pawnshop employee license related to Te'jara Mais's employment with Texas EZPawn LP, which is licensed by the OCCC under Master File No. 771. Te'jara Mais was issued a pawnshop employee license (No. 1438160) and the license is currently active.

According to the license application, Te'jara Mais began working for Texas EZPawn LP on April 23, 2018. Te'jara Mais did not hold an active pawnshop employee license on April 23, 2018. Te'jara Mais worked 87 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 Te'jara Mais 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 Te'jara Mais 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

Te'jara Mais 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

Te'jara Mais 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 Te'jara Mais 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 Te'jara Mais 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 Te'jara Mais by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

CMRRR# 91 7199 9991 7038 3483 1450

Te'jara Mais
317 Webb Drive
Waco, TX 76705

CMRRR# 91 7199 9991 7038 3483 1467

Texas EZPawn LP
ATTN: Te'jara Mais
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