

OCCC CASE NO. L19-00153

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	BEFORE THE
LICENSE NO.: 1437128	§	OFFICE OF CONSUMER
BRIGGETTE MORELOS	§	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
233 S. BROWNWELL	§	STATE OF TEXAS
LA PORTE, TEXAS 77571	§	

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner (“OCCC”) issues this Order to Cease and Desist against Briggette Morelos, 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 August 16, 2017, the OCCC received Briggette Morelos’s application for a pawnshop employee license related to Briggette Morelos’s employment with P G & J Operations Inc., which is licensed by the OCCC under Master File No. 1600057280. Briggette Morelos was issued a pawnshop employee license (No. 1437128) and the license is currently active.

According to the license application, Briggette Morelos began working for P G & J Operations Inc. on May 25, 2017. Briggette Morelos did not hold an active pawnshop employee license on May 25, 2017. Briggette Morelos worked 83 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 Briggette Morelos 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 Briggette Morelos 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

Briggette Morelos 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

Briggette Morelos 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 Briggette Morelos 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 Briggette Morelos 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 Brigette Morelos by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

CMRRR# 91 7199 9991 7037 5160 3956

Brigette Morelos
233 S. Brownwell
La Porte, TX 77571

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P G & J Operations Inc.
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