

**BEFORE THE MISSOURI
STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBER EXAMINERS**

STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY)	
AND BARBER EXAMINERS,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 13-2168 CB
)	
SHAWN RUFFIN,)	
d/b/a VEGAS CUTZ,)	
Respondent.)	

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS
OF LAW, AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

On or about May 12, 2014, the Administrative Hearing Commission entered its Default Decision in the case of *Missouri Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners v. Shawn Ruffin*, Case No. 13-2168 CB. In that Default Decision, the Administrative Hearing Commission found that Respondent Shawn Ruffin's barber operator license (license # 2005038755) is subject to disciplinary action by the Missouri Board Cosmetology and Barber Examiners ("Board") pursuant to §§ 328.150.2(5), (6), (12), (13) and (15), RSMo.¹

The Board has received and reviewed the record of the proceedings before the Administrative Hearing Commission, including the properly pled complaint filed before the Administrative Hearing Commission on December 31, 2013 and the Default Decision of the Administrative Hearing Commission. The record of the Administrative Hearing Commission, including the properly pled complaint and Default Decision, is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Pursuant to notice and § 621.110 and § 328.150.3, RSMo, the Board scheduled a hearing to be held on January 26, 2015, at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the Division of Professional Registration Building, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109, for the purpose of determining

¹ All statutory references are to Missouri Revised Statutes 2000, as amended, unless otherwise indicated.

the appropriate disciplinary action against Ruffin's license. The Board was represented by attorney Greg Mitchell. Despite proper and timely notice, Respondent was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel. After being present and considering all of the evidence presented during the hearing, the Board issues the following Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Order

Based upon the foregoing the Board hereby states:

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is an agency of the state of Missouri created and established pursuant to § 329.015, RSMo, for the purpose of licensing all persons engaged in the practice of barbering and cosmetology in this state. The Board has control and supervision of the licensed occupations and enforcement of the terms and provisions of Chapters 328 and 329, RSMo.

2. Respondent holds an operator license (license # 2005038755). Respondent's operator license was not at all times relevant herein, and is not now, current and active.

3. The Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the properly pled complaint and Default Decision of the Administrative Hearing Commission in *Missouri Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners v. Shawn Ruffin*, Case No. 13-2168 CB, in its entirety. In that Default Decision the Administrative Hearing Commission determined that the Board filed a properly pled complaint before the Administrative Hearing Commission on or about December 31, 2013, that Respondent was personally served with the complaint and that Respondent never filed an answer or otherwise responded to the complaint.

4. In its Default Decision, the Administrative Hearing Commission determined there was cause to discipline Respondent's license pursuant to §§ 328.150.2(5), (6), (12), (13) and (15), RSMo, as established in the properly pled complaint, as a result of Respondent's offering and performing barbering services for compensation without holding a valid Missouri establishment

license and operating a barber establishment known as Vegas Cutz without a barber establishment license.

5. The Board set this matter for disciplinary hearing and served notice of the disciplinary hearing upon Respondent in a proper and timely fashion.

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. This Board has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to §§ 621.110 and 328.150.3, RSMo.

7. The Board expressly adopts and incorporates by reference the properly pled complaint and the Default Decision issued by the Administrative Hearing Commission on May 12, 2014, in *Missouri Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners v. Shawn Ruffin*, Case No. 13-2168 CB, and hereby enters its Conclusions of Law consistent therewith.

8. As a result of the foregoing, and in accordance with the Administrative Hearing Commission's Default Decision on May 12, 2014, Respondent's barber operator license (license # 2005038755) is subject to disciplinary subject to disciplinary action by the Board pursuant to §§ 328.150.2(5), (6), (12), (13) and (15), RSMo.

9. The Board has determined that this Order is necessary to ensure the protection of the public.

III.

ORDER

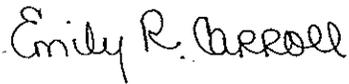
Having fully considered all the evidence before the Board, and giving full weight to the Default Decision of the Administrative Hearing Commission, it is the **ORDER** of the Board that Respondent's barber operator license (license # 2005038755) is hereby **REVOKED** from the

effective date of this Order. Upon receipt of this Order, Respondent shall immediately return all evidence of licensure to the Board.

10. The Board will maintain this Order as an open record of the Board as provided in Chapters 328, 329, 610, and 324, RSMo.

SO ORDERED, EFFECTIVE THIS 25th DAY OF March, 2015.

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY
AND BARBER EXAMINERS

Handwritten signature of Emily R. Carroll in cursive script.

Emily R. Carroll, Executive Director