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**FINDINGS OF FACT  
CONCLUSIONS, AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

In the Matter of License No. L273 50002 UPTOWN PAWN  
for PAWNBROKER CLASS A

Held by:  
**CAPITAL CASH LLC**  
**MICHAEL STRAUSS**  
**301 LAKE ST W**  
**MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55408**

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13-1020112

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This matter came before a license settlement conference on Wednesday, January 16, 2014. Appearing for the department were Manager Grant Wilson and Lead License Inspector Julie Casey. Appearing for Minneapolis Police was Lt. Amelia Huffman. Appearing for Capital Cash, LLC, dba Uptown Pawn were Michael Strauss and attorney James Yarosh. Based on the information presented at the hearing the Licenses and Consumer Services Division makes the following findings of fact.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. In October 2013, Minneapolis Police were contacted by the Scott County Sheriff's office concerning a burglary and theft of a Rolex watch. Through their investigation they determined that the stolen watch was pawned at Uptown Pawn. Minneapolis Police determined that a watch was not reported through the required reporting system. When asked about the watch, Uptown Pawn retrieved it from a safe where it was stored and delivered it to Minneapolis Police. Minneapolis Police notified Uptown Pawn that, on October 2, 2013, they failed to provide a complete and accurate description of an item pawned, failed to maintain a record for watch that was stolen property, failed to perform

a daily police report for a watch that was reported stolen and failed to provide a receipt for the stolen watch.

2. At the license settlement conference the owner of Uptown Pawn stated that after he purchased the watch he put it in the safe to process the paperwork at a later time and then forgot that he had put the watch in the safe. He said it was not his intention to forgo the police requirements for purchase of pawned property.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

1. Capital Cash, LLC, dba Uptown Pawn, violated Minneapolis Ordinance 324.110 by failing to perform a daily police report.
2. Capital Cash LLC, dba Uptown Pawn, violated Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 324.120 by failing to provide a receipt on a pawn transaction.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Capital Cash LLC, dba Uptown Pawn agrees to a \$10,000 sanction with \$5,000 stayed for a two year period provided there are no same or similar violations occurring during that time period.
2. Capital Cash, LLC, dba Uptown Pawn, agrees to serve a seven day business closure suspension, six days are stayed pending no same or similar violations occurring during that two year time period. Capital Cash, LLC, dba Uptown Pawn will serve the suspension within 30 days of the Minneapolis City Council approval of this agreement. The one day closure of business shall be served on a day of the week they are commonly open for business. They shall notify the Licenses and Consumer Services Division seven days before they plan on serving the suspension.

Capital Cash LLC, dba Uptown Pawn, understands that the holding of a business or liquor license in the City of Minneapolis is both a privilege and a responsibility. A minimum standard shall be met in order to hold such a license. One minimum standard is that a license holder is responsible to ensure that its business operates in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations. It is understood and agreed that any violation of the above Recommendations shall constitute just and proper cause for the immediate imposition of any stayed penalties. It is further understood that compliance with the above Recommendations is a requirement for continuing to hold a license and that failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in additional adverse license action.

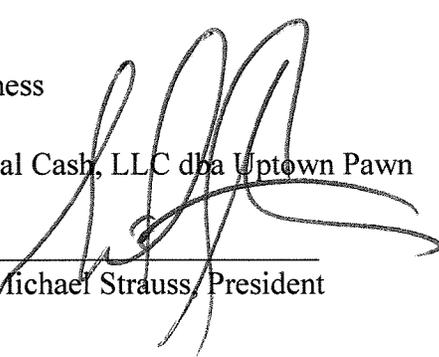
I have read and understand the above findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations. I agree with their contents and I agree with the above noted Recommendations. I understand that the failure of my business to adhere to this agreement may be cause for further suspension,

revocation, or denial of my license. I understand that this report must be accepted and approved by the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor.

Based upon the foregoing, this agreement is FREELY & VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO IN GOOD FAITH:

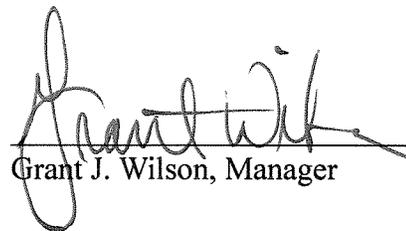
Business

Capital Cash, LLC dba Uptown Pawn

By:   
Michael Strauss, President

Dated: March 6, 2014

For the City of Minneapolis:

  
Grant J. Wilson, Manager

Dated: 3-26, 2014