

# **Former lottery commissioner Kevin Geddings was sentenced to four years in prison Monday on charges he hid his financial ties to a company expected to bid for the U.S. state's lottery business.**

Judge James Dever III gave him seven months in addition to the maximum sentence recommended by the prosecution. He was also issued a \$25,000 fine. Geddings, who was convicted in October on five counts of mail fraud, failed to disclose to a state ethics panel that his public relations firm received more than \$250,000 in payments between 2000 and 2005 from Scientific Games Corp, a New York-based provider of instant-win tickets and lottery software, according to prosecutors.