

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.