

## Arkansas Lottery Commission Press Release

Arkansas Lottery Commission Director Bishop Woosley announced today that former Arkansas Lottery Commission employee Remmele Mazyck pled guilty to crimes which relate to the theft of lottery tickets from the Arkansas Lottery Commission.

The charges allege that between November 2009 and October 2012, while employed as Deputy Director of Security, Mazyck used his position of authority to steal lottery tickets and cash them undetected. Mazyck cashed 22,710 tickets for a total \$478,073. Director Woosley first learned that this activity occurred on October 26, 2012. He placed Mazyck on administrative leave that day and terminated Mazyck's employment on November 14, 2012.

ALC is fully insured for the amount of the theft through the Arkansas Fidelity Bond Trust Fund administered by the Arkansas Governmental Bonding Board and a supplemental insurance policy which ALC purchased following start-up. Assuming our claim is approved under both policies, the ALC will sustain no monetary loss from this theft. Further, if the claim is approved, no Arkansas student will be denied the opportunity to have their college education paid for by through use of Arkansas Scholarship Lottery funding.

In addition, our retailers sustained no loss as a result of the action of Mazyck. All cashes were paid by our retailers in good faith. In fact, without the diligence of our retail partners, Mazyck may still be here at the lottery stealing tickets.

ALC has evaluated and will continue to evaluate and strengthen its processes and procedures as necessary to ensure that this does not occur in the future.

**MEDIA INQUIRIES:** ALC currently does not have a press officer. All press inquiries should be emailed to [ALC.Mediainquiry@arkansas.gov](mailto:ALC.Mediainquiry@arkansas.gov) or to the ALC's Chief Counsel, Jean Block at [jean.block@arkansas.gov](mailto:jean.block@arkansas.gov) or by calling her office number at 501-683-1893