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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL FINDS OHIO LOTTERY COMMISSION EMPLOYEE STOLE OVER \$100,000
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The inspector general has issued a report of investigation which was initiated after receiving a complaint from the Ohio Lottery Commission alleging an employee was unlawfully acquiring and cashing lottery tickets.

The inspector general determined David Dragelevich, a regional sales representative at the Ohio Lottery Commission office in North Canton, stole over \$100,000 in lottery tickets by manipulating the Ohio Lottery retailer accounts at various locations in the Akron and Youngstown areas. During an Ohio State Highway Patrol interview, Dragelevich admitted to cashing stolen lottery tickets on his own and with accomplices.

Dragelevich was indicted by the Mahoning County Grand Jury and a criminal prosecution is now pending before the Mahoning County Common Pleas Court.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2013-CA00072 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2015Investigations.aspx>

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