

# Iowa Lottery Wins International Gaming-Compliance Award for Work in Investigation

## Long-Running Case Culminated In 2017 Guilty Pleas From Three Men

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CLIVE, Iowa – April 19, 2018 – The Iowa Lottery has won an international gaming-compliance award for its work in the long-running lottery jackpot investigation that uncovered fraud against U.S. lotteries and resulted in guilty pleas from three men.

GamblingCompliance on Wednesday named the Iowa Lottery its 2018 recipient for outstanding achievement in compliance. The organization's annual awards that recognize excellence in 11 categories focused on regulatory compliance and responsible gaming were presented in London. The lottery was one of five finalists worldwide for the gaming-compliance award.

*"I'm enormously proud of the work we put in and the perseverance investigators showed through the years in bringing this long-running case to a successful conclusion," Iowa Lottery CEO Terry Rich said. "This was a crucial opportunity for us to pinpoint security enhancements and new technologies that we could bring to our operations. I'm confident in the integrity of our games and know we will continue to aggressively monitor and make improvements to protect against vulnerabilities identified."*

GamblingCompliance, with headquarters in London and its U.S. hub in Washington, D.C., provides independent legal, regulatory, and business intelligence to the global gambling industry.

The jackpot investigation case began with a lottery ticket purchased in Des Moines in December 2010 and culminated in 2017 with guilty pleas from three men who admitted they illegally claimed prizes by

rigging lottery drawings in five states. Eddie Tipton, the man at the center of the investigation, installed malicious computer code that allowed him to predict winning numbers in some lottery drawings.

Tipton pleaded guilty to three felony charges in Iowa and Wisconsin and was sentenced in August 2017 to up to 25 years in prison. He had conspired with friends and family to claim lottery prizes in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wisconsin and attempt to claim a lottery jackpot in Iowa, which ultimately was not paid.

Tipton's younger brother, Tommy Tipton, also pleaded guilty in the case, as did Tipton's long-time friend, Robert Rhodes.

"It's appalling that the person at the center of the case once worked at a lottery-industry vendor organization and willingly committed crimes," Rich said. "He was brought to justice and we have moved forward with an even greater understanding that we must trust but verify in all areas of our operations. We're pleased that this international award recognizes the team for that effort."

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