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**FORMER CONVENIENCE STORE CLERK PLEADS GUILTY IN SCHEME TO  
STEAL \$3M WINNING LOTTERY TICKET**

**BROCKTON** – A Lakeville woman has pleaded guilty for her role in a thwarted scheme to steal a winning lottery ticket and cash it in, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Today, Carly Nunes, 24, pleaded guilty in Brockton Superior Court to one count each of Presentation of a False Claim. The Commonwealth requested that Nunes serve 1-2 years in state prison. Judge William Sullivane sentenced Nunes to two years of probation with drug screens and drug counseling.

The charge followed a four-month investigation by Massachusetts State Police, the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, and Lakeville Police, which involved a voluminous review of records, video surveillance footage, and witness interviews.

On January 17, 2023, the male victim, entered the store formerly known as Savas Liquors, located at 330 Bedford Street in Lakeville, and purchased a bag of barbecue potato chips, two Massachusetts State Lottery Quick Picks for the Mega Millions lottery, and two for the Mass Cash lottery. The man added a multiplier to his Mega Millions ticket to increase the jackpot prize. Nunes, the checkout counter clerk, input the order into the lottery terminal, and printed two lottery tickets. Nunes returned to the cash register and rang up the man's order, totaling \$12.

The man left the store and drove home with the bag of potato chips, but left his lottery tickets behind in the terminal tray. That evening, the man's identical Mass Millions ticket numbers were announced as the winning numbers, earning a \$3 million prize. After leaving the store and realizing he no longer had his tickets, the man briefly searched for them but concluded that they were lost. Approximately 45 minutes after the man left the store, another patron entered to buy five lottery tickets. Nunes rang up the transaction and printed the lottery tickets. It is at this point, the patron realized two extra tickets had been printed, and gave the extra two belonging to the victim back to Nunes. Nunes took the tickets and said they must have belonged to "him," meaning the victim.

Two days later, on January 19, 2023, Joseph Reddem, 32, of Randolph,

a co-worker at Savas, drove Nunes and another man to the Massachusetts State Lottery Headquarters in Dorchester to redeem the lottery prize. The ticket was torn and appeared to be burned. Nunes wrote up and submitted her claim for the winning prize. A state Lottery customer service representative scanned the ticket and determined the worth to be “three million dollars.”

Shortly thereafter, Nunes and Reddem are seen on Lottery surveillance video arguing in the lobby. Reddem allegedly made extortion demands of the jackpot and Nunes informed Reddem that she would “only pay him \$200,000.”

The arguments overheard by state Lottery officials coupled with the condition of the ticket, led Massachusetts Lottery investigators to interview Nunes. Nunes, stated that she purchased the winning tickets toward the end of her shift on January 17, 2023. Nunes stated that she mistakenly tore the ticket when removing it from her wallet and the burn marks were the result of her accidentally placing the ticket on a pipe. Lottery officials told Nunes that they were opening an investigation, and contacted Massachusetts State Police.

Surveillance video obtained from the Savas store confirmed that the male victim, not Nunes, purchased the winning ticket. During a further interview with investigators, Nunes no longer claimed to have purchased the ticket herself, but instead said she inadvertently obtained the winning ticket.

It was nearly a month before the male victim realized his mistake in leaving the \$3 million ticket behind at Savas Liquors. Investigators worked to find the true owner of the winning ticket, posting flyers with photos of the man in surveillance video, canvassing the Lakeville area, and questioning patrons about the man’s identity. After nearly a month, on February 13, 2023, the man was located and interviewed by investigators.

Reddem is charged with allegedly attempting to extort Nunes into paying him money. He is scheduled to go to trial on the charge in May.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Alexander Zane, and was investigated by Massachusetts State Police Troopers assigned to state Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg’s Office, Lakeville Police Department, and the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission.