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### Former Bingo South Operator Sentenced for Defrauding Charitable Permittees

**Friday, January 30, 2026 (Anchorage, AK)** – Today, Robert Alexander, former operator for Bingo South, was sentenced in Anchorage Superior Court to serve two years in prison with 18 months suspended and five years of felony probation. Alexander was found guilty of Scheme to Defraud last June following a multi-year investigation into financial misconduct involving charitable gaming proceeds.

On August 1, 2018, the Alaska Department of Revenue, Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) received a referral from the State of Alaska Gaming section in the Tax Division regarding allegations that Alexander failed to distribute net proceeds to charitable permittees as required under state law. The investigation revealed that between 2014 and 2016, Alexander withheld a total of \$197,699.45 in net proceeds from nine charitable permittees while under contract as a gaming operator.

Those charitable permittees were:

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|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| • First LMS Samoan       | \$2,147.79  | • AK Hospitality Retailers | \$30,604    |
| • Alfa Lodge I           | \$68,500.94 | • Dimond Alumni            | \$3,082.40  |
| • Most Worshipful        | \$6,948.84  | • Cong. Christian Church   | \$9,324.78  |
| • D.A.R.E.               | \$45,194.06 | • Dimond West              | \$13,335.30 |
| • South Football Booster | \$18,561.34 |                            |             |

“This case underscores the importance of accountability in charitable gaming operations,” said **Scott Stair, Department Investigations Manager**, Department of Revenue. “The funds withheld were intended to support vital community programs, and today’s sentencing reflects the seriousness of that betrayal.”

The CIU thanks the State of Alaska, TAX Division, and the Department of Law for their collaboration in bringing this case to justice.

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