



## Genesee County Prosecutor's Office David Leyton, Prosecutor



### **Genesee County woman charged with embezzling money from bowling group in Mt. Morris Township**

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**MT. MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Michigan** -- A former manager for the Flint Womens Bowling Association is suspected of stealing \$120,000 from the group to buy scratch-off lottery tickets.

Patti Jo Ashlock, 48, was charged Tuesday with embezzlement and using a computer to commit a crime, both 10-year felonies.

Ashlock apparently used her position as FWBA manager to embezzle the money from association coffers, said Genesee County Prosecutor David S. Leyton.

Leyton said the police investigation found the money was used for instant lottery tickets.

Association officials contacted Mt. Morris Township police when they realized the money was gone.

Ashlock had been maintaining the league from an office that adjoins her Elms Road home, according to a Flint Journal article last year.

"It's a large league," said Leyton. "There are a lot of bowlers in town."

Peggy Turner, president of the association, declined comment on Ashlock but said that about 4,000 women bowlers around the county pay the group \$18 a year for certification.

Last month, the association announced that Ashlock had been suspended and that a mixed team tourney set for next month had been canceled due to a reorganization of the association.

Leyton said the bowling case is another reminder that groups must carefully review how their finances are handled.

"You must have checks and balances," he said. "Never have just one person in charge of the money."

Ashlock could not be reached for comment Tuesday night and it was unknown if she has retained an attorney.

She is expected to surrender for arraignment Wednesday.

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