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A 31-year-old employee of Hollywood Casino Columbus is accused of supplying her fiancé with \$5,000 in free-play cards that he used to win an estimated \$4,700 at the casino's slot machines.

Dawn Jenkinson and her fiancé, Jerry Flynn, both of 894 Binns Blvd. on the West Side, were indicted by a Franklin County grand jury today on one count each of theft, a fourth-degree felony.

Jenkinson is the first employee of the casino, which opened in October on Georgesville Road on the West Side, to be charged with cheating her employer. She supplied the free-play cards to Flynn, 39, between Dec. 21 and Feb. 26, according to the indictment.

Jenkinson served as a casino ambassador, whose duties included signing up rewards-club members who can earn free slot play, said Karen Huey, director of enforcement for the Ohio Casino Control Commission.

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Huey said state gaming agents began an investigation in March based on an anonymous tip. Jenkinson has since been fired.

Two employees at other Ohio casinos have been prosecuted for theft or cheating since the state's first casino opened in May 2012.

An employee of Horseshoe Casino Cleveland pleaded guilty to theft in February after he was indicted for taking \$500 chips from a roulette table and placing them up his sleeve under an armband.

A blackjack dealer at Hollywood Casino Toledo pleaded guilty to cheating at a casino game in November after he was charged with gaming violations for paying out fraudulent bets.

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