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**MADIGAN: FORMER CHICAGO AREA CHARITY EXEC SENTENCED*****Former Head of Chicago Blood Cancer Foundation Must Repay \$44,000 in Funds Used for Personal Use, Casino Trips***

**Chicago** — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that a Chicago area woman and former executive director of the Chicago Blood Cancer Foundation was sentenced for using thousands of dollars of the charity's funds for personal use.

Charlene McMann, 65, of West Chicago, was sentenced earlier today by DuPage County Judge Liam Brennan after pleading guilty on Dec. 1, 2015, to personal use of charitable assets, a Class 2 felony. McMann was ordered to pay \$44,085 to the Chicago-based Cancer Research Foundation, which shares a similar mission as the now-defunct Chicago Blood Cancer Foundation. McMann also received two years of probation.

"The defendant betrayed the well-intentioned donors of this charity, choosing instead to take their donations for her own personal use," Madigan said. "Today's sentencing requires the defendant to reimburse the stolen money to a charity with the mission of curing cancer."

The Chicago Blood Cancer Foundation was created in 2010 with the stated mission to cure blood cancers through fundraising, education, research, promoting access to care and advocating for those affected by blood cancer.

From 2010 through 2013, McMann made numerous transfers from the Foundation's bank accounts into her own bank account to spend for personal use, including casino trips.

Assistant Attorneys General Jonas Harger and Kathleen Duhig and Associate Director Louis Dolce handled the case for Madigan's Public Integrity Bureau.

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