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Physicians who accepted payments from a pharmaceutical company related to a specific opioid were

14.5 times more likely to prescribe that drug over a similar alternative.

SOURCE CareDash.com analysis of 2014-2016 data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Medicare Part D prescriptions. **MIKE B. SMITH, JANET LOEHRIE/USA TODAY**



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CONFESSIONS OF A LOTTERY SCAMMER

How a gaming geek with a checkered past pulled off the biggest numbers con in U.S. history

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Eddie Tipton jotted down the numbers as he sat at his desk in Urbandale, Iowa, more than a decade ago. Around him were sticky notes filled with number sets he carefully wrote down as they spun up on his computer screen. The numbers were generated by a cryptic two-line software code Tipton had planted in his employer's computer system at the Multi-State Lottery Association.

The office building was virtually empty as Tipton ran test after test, zeroing in on the possible winning numbers for an upcoming \$4.8 million jackpot drawing in Colorado.

Tipton's code would let him narrow the drawing's winning odds from 5 million to 1 to 200 to 1.

And, over time, it would allow him to hijack at least five winning drawings totaling more than \$24 million in prizes in Colorado, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma — the biggest lottery scam in U.S. history.

The largest jackpot, a \$16.5 million Hot Lotto prize in Iowa in 2010, was never paid. And ultimately, it would be the one that would do Tipton in.

Genesis of a fraud

Tipton, who loved playing the fantasy game Dungeons and Dragons, told himself he wasn't trying to crack the code for the money. But in 2005,

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'Red flag' gun laws gain favor in states

Bills restrict firearms for people who pose threat

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — States across the country are taking a closer look at "red flag" laws since a former student, long known to law enforcement as troubled, was accused in the mass shooting in February at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

The laws allow family members or law enforcement to seek a court order to temporarily restrict people's access to firearms when they show "red flags" that they are a danger to themselves or others.

What's next?

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After the shooting, Florida became the sixth state to pass a red-flag law, and other state lawmakers introduced a flurry of new bills, including first-time legislation in more than a handful of states, according to Everytown for Gun Safety, a gun control advocacy group. Bills are now pending in 22 states and the District of Columbia,

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Foreign police gain access to U.S. data

Erin Kelly
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Police in other countries will be able to get emails and other electronic communication more easily from their own citizens and from Americans under a bill Congress stuffed inside the \$1.3 trillion spending deal passed last week.

Supporters said the bill, dubbed the CLOUD Act, will simplify the process for the U.S. government and its allies to get evidence of serious crimes and terrorist threats when that evidence is stored on a server in another country.

Internet providers had been able to legally stop police agencies from gaining access to their own citizens' emails if those emails were stored in a foreign nation.

Microsoft stores data on about 1 million servers in 40 countries.

"The CLOUD Act can save lives,

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