

Many gamblers have learned the hard way that drinking is a great way to lose a lot of money at the casino. Now one Kentucky man has had that lesson reinforced by a court of law.

The Indiana Court of Appeals ruled that businessman Jimmy Vance must pay back \$75,000 he borrowed from the Horseshoe Southern Indiana (known at the time as Caesars Indiana), despite the fact that he

claims to have been drunk at the time of the loans.

According to reports, the court did not claim that their ruling should allow casinos to feel free to hand out loans to inebriated customers. Rather, they said that Vance could not adequately prove that he couldn't understand what he was doing. Vance had seven whiskeys over approximately a four hour period, and claimed that the alcohol in his system left him in state where he could not be held responsible for the loans.

However, the court said that his drinking was not enough to show that he could not understand what he was doing when he borrowed money from the casino. Furthermore, Vance's case was hurt by the fact that – according to court records – employees at the casino said that his speech and motor skills weren't visibly impaired when he requested the loans.

The court's ruling was unanimous, but Vance's lawyer has said that they may appeal the 3-0 decision in an attempt to take the case to the Indiana Supreme Court.

"I don't think the Court of Appeals opinion articulates that the casinos can loan money to people who are drunk," said Larry Wilder, Vance's lawyer.

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