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## DEVILS' COTTER SUSPENDED TWO GAMES FOR ILLEGAL CHECK TO THE HEAD

**NEW YORK (April 14, 2025)** – New Jersey Devils forward **Paul Cotter** has been suspended for two games, without pay, for an illegal check to the head of New York Islanders defenseman **Adam Pelech** during NHL Game No. 1277 in New Jersey on Sunday, April 13, the National Hockey League's Department of Player Safety announced today.

The incident occurred at 5:57 of the second period. Cotter was assessed a match penalty.

Under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and, based on his average annual salary, Cotter will forfeit \$8,072.92. The money goes to the Players' Emergency Assistance Fund.

For a full explanation of the decision, complete with video, please click on the following link: <https://www.nhl.com/video/topic/player-safety/cotter-suspended-two-games-6371487032112>.

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