

NYPD Blue" star Gail O'Grady has declared bankruptcy for a second time in nearly 15 years – once again stemming from her out-of-control gambling, sources say.

The 45-year-old Emmy nominee is so addicted to gambling, she flew to the Bahamas to try to get a line of casino credit before the ink was even dry on her second bankruptcy, confided a close friend.

"She's obsessed with blackjack, video poker and slot machines."

Recently filed court documents show that the former "American Dreams" actress owes money to

casinos, credit cards, her mortgage company and the IRS, as well as to family, friends and colleagues.

"Gail is a total compulsive gambler," the actress'

Gail O'Grady GAMBLES HER LIFE AWAY

estranged fifth husband, John Stamatakis, told The ENQUIRER.

"When Gail is confronted about her gambling, she'll say, 'Leave me alone, gambling is not illegal.' If you tell her she

needs to stop, she'll go, 'It's none of your business! How dare you tell me what to do!'

"Gail makes a great living – but not enough to support her gambling habit. Things are so bad that she'll probably lose her house."

Gail married contractor Stamatakis in June 2004 – just one month after she gave birth to her son Michael, whose father is Chris Byers.

Astonishingly, Chris lent Gail \$500,000, which she squandered in the casinos. Concludes Chris: "Gail is a maniac when it comes to gambling!"

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