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\$6 Million Scratchers® Winner in Placer County

Uses Lottery's Safe Drop Box System To Claim Big Prize

SACRAMENTO – Jerrold Murray is feeling thankful this fall all because he had a lucky start to his summer! The Placer County Lottery player picked up a Set For Life Scratchers ticket at one of his favorite stores in July, and when he realized he won, he chose to use the Lottery's new safe and secure drop box procedure to claim his \$6 million prize.

Murray bought his winning ticket at Cigarettes For Less at 350 Elm Ave in Auburn. After discovering his win, Murray says the process of claiming during the pandemic was pretty straightforward. "The district offices were all closed, so I couldn't turn it in for a while," he explained. "So I put it into a safe deposit box. I eventually drove down to the headquarters in Sacramento. There was a super nice lady in the parking lot who worked for the Lottery. I ended up asking her, and she said I was able to go to the drop box at the Sacramento District office in Natomas."

Murray decided to take the \$3.4 million lump sum option. "My wife and I bought new vehicles. As for the rest of the money, we are going to invest it," Murray said. "I am getting a smoothie machine that doubles as a margarita machine like you'd see at a bar. I think I am going to have the California Lottery logo put on it!"

Northern California has seen a series of lucky winners recently, including:

- Luis Rivera Sanchez won \$5,000,000 on a \$5 Million Power Payday Scratchers ticket purchased at Quality Gas for you Cash located at 5898 Mission Street in San Francisco.
- Robert Lucas won \$2,171,698 on a Mega Millions ticket purchased at Three Corners Market located at 5945 Myrtle Avenue in Eureka (Humboldt County).
- Deborah Hart won \$2,000,000 on an Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers ticket purchased at Hoppy's Food Mart located at 625 South Mary Avenue in Sunnyvale (Santa Clara County).
- Vannida Sang won \$2,000,000 on an Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers ticket purchased at Lyon's Liquor located at 4100 Foothill Boulevard in Oakland (Alameda County).
- Marilyn Burton won \$2,000,000 on an Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers ticket purchased at Suisun Market at 1200 Anderson Drive Suisun City (Stanislaus County).

Lottery sales continue to provide critical revenue to local retailers that sell tickets, in the form of bonuses and commissions. In addition, the sale of California Lottery products can serve as an important draw to these stores. People often run in to get tickets and purchase other items as well.

Along with putting more money into local economies, the California Lottery and its employees proudly continue to serve an essential government function, providing supplemental funding to the state's public schools, colleges and universities.

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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transfers to public education total approximately \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2018-19, which amounts to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely non-discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period the Lottery generated almost \$7 billion in sales, more than 95% of which goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. The California Lottery urges its customers to play responsibly. Problem gambling resources are available to anyone at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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