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\$24 Million SuperLotto Plus® Ticket Sold in Quartz Hill

Southern California Experiencing A Season of Millionaires as
California Lottery Highlights 10 Recent Winners!

SACRAMENTO – Ed Willis is a man of faith, and not a big fan of gambling or the Lottery, but he is also a good husband. So when his wife told him she really wanted to try to win a jackpot to help support their family, he thought about it, prayed on it and ultimately supported her wishes. He promised to buy his wife Lottery tickets whenever she requested them. That was only 4 months before they won a \$24 million *SuperLotto Plus* jackpot!

Willis purchased his tickets at Super Kwik, located at 4358 West Avenue L in Quartz Hill (Los Angeles County). This is the same retailer he goes to each time he plays, so it seems just that the retailer will receive a \$120,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket. The Willis family has already found their dream home and plan to move in as soon as possible.

Nine other lucky winners have recently become millionaires in Southern California, for a total of 10 to round out the summer.

Kenneth Ogwang recently snagged \$6 million on the *Set For Life Scratchers*® ticket. Ogwang purchased his ticket at Bootleggers 2 (111 East Avenue K in Lancaster in Los Angeles County). Two more winners of the *Set For Life Scratchers* ticket include Kenia Esquivel who won \$3 million and purchased his ticket at Arco AM PM Main Plaza (2222 Main Street in Riverside) and Claudio Rodriguez who won \$1.2 million and purchased his ticket at the Heritage Chevron (14446 Culver Drive in Irvine in Orange County).

Instant Prize Crossword is another currently popular *Scratchers* game. Both Jennie Turner and Moises Carranza each won \$2 million after scratching off big prizes. Turner purchased her ticket at El Rancho Liquor (560 Beaumont Avenue in Beaumont in Riverside County) and Carranza purchased his ticket at a 7-Eleven store (4800 120th Street in Hawthorne in Los Angeles County).

Andrea Benger, Jose Cortez, Bernard Santana and Robert Robbins wrap up the So Cal season of area millionaires this past summer. Benger won \$5 million on the *Ultimate 7's Scratchers* ticket; she purchased her ticket in Riverside. Cortez, Santana and Robbins won \$1 million each playing *Ca\$h Bonus Multiplier*, *Win Big* and *Cash in a Flash Multiplier*, respectively. All three tickets were purchased in Los Angeles County.

In addition to supporting public education, the Lottery also provides essential revenue to retailers that sell tickets. This money directly helps local businesses – most of which are independently-owned and trying to stay afloat in this challenging economic environment. The California Lottery and its employees continue to serve an essential government function, providing additional 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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