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\$28 Million SuperLotto Plus® Winner in San Diego County

SACRAMENTO – There isn't much that gets Victor Diaz riled up; he remains calm in even the most extraordinary of circumstances, including winning a \$28 million *SuperLotto Plus* jackpot! Even after he realized they won, all he and his wife did was go to a bookstore and grocery shopping. Diaz chalks everything up to God's will, including whether they would ever win the Lottery. Now that they have, what they will spend their newfound riches on?

Diaz purchased his tickets at the 7-Eleven at 1601 East 18th Street in National City (San Diego County). Although their numbers were randomly selected, Diaz said he had a good feeling when he saw two of the numbers were 3 and 16, as in John 3:16, which is a Bible verse they fully believe in and quote often. The six numbers they matched were 03, 09, 23, 27, 35 and Mega number 16. The 7-Eleven will also receive a \$140,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

Although all their plans are not yet made, Diaz and his wife do want to buy a house, donate to their church and specific charities, and start college funds for their children. When allowed, they would also like to take a family vacation somewhere. Other than that, they say, "We will wait to see what God has planned for us."

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. The Lottery also provides important revenue to retailers that sell tickets – most of which are independently-owned and trying to stay afloat in this challenging economic environment.

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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.

