

700 North Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
calottery.com



P R E S S R E L E A S E

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 16, 2021

Contact: Jorge De La Cruz

(916) 822-8554

014-21

California Lottery Winners Spring Up All Across the State!

SACRAMENTO – As we reach the middle of April, California Lottery winners are springing up from Southern and Northern California.

Christopher Barto leads off the list of winners across the Southland with a huge \$10 million win on a *\$400 Million Money Mania Scratchers®* ticket. Barto picked up that top-prize winning ticket at Chevron located at 8075 Monet Street in **Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County)**.

Nhat Van was one of two lucky California Lottery players who won \$2 million playing an *Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers* ticket. That top-prize winning ticket was purchased at Kwik Pick Liquor located at 27600 Bouquet Canyon Road in **Santa Clarita (Los Angeles County)**.

Heading down the 210 Freeway, **Benjamin Schaefer** also cashed a top-prize winning *Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers* ticket worth \$2 million. That lucky ticket was purchased at the Chevron located at 1400 East Colorado Boulevard in **Pasadena (Los Angeles County)**.

In the northern part of the state, there are multiple big lottery wins to report in the Bay Area and Sacramento regions.

Daniel Beltran Eusebio claimed the ticket that matched five numbers in the *Mega Millions®* drawing on January 5. Even though his ticket missed the Mega number that night, this lucky player still came away with an incredible prize of \$2,390,663! Eusebio purchased that ticket at the Chevron located at 5591 Lone Tree way in **Brentwood (Contra Costa County)**.

Joseph P. Escusa claimed a \$750,000 prize won on a *\$10 Mystery Crossword Scratchers* ticket. This ticket was sold at Karavan Liquors located at 27445 Hesperian Boulevard in **Hayward (Alameda County)**.

In Sacramento County, **Darius Williams** won \$5 million after scoring a top prize on the *\$5,000,000 Platinum Payout Scratchers* game. The Safeway supermarket located at 2851 Del Paso Road in the North Natomas area of **Sacramento** is the very lucky retailer in this case.

Speaking of lucky winners, the Lottery expects more wins in the coming weeks due to several of our games having record-breaking sales during the week ending April 10, 2021. *Scratchers* had a new all-time weekly high of \$152 million. With a huge weekly total of \$8.41 million, *Hot Spot* had its

highest weekly sales ever! *Daily 3* also reached its highest weekly sales ever bringing in \$3.94 million. *Daily 4* reached its highest weekly sales since 2008.

Chon Lo, Manager at Lichine's Liquor & Deli in South Sacramento, says he has seen the increase in sales. "Sales are booming. We have been seeing it last week," Lo told the California Lottery. Those increased sales have resulted in some big wins at the store, which is known as a lucky California Lottery retailer. "We had a \$10,000 winner recently, and some \$500 winners, \$1,000 winners. It's been good for everybody," Lo said.

All in all, a great week with many more winners to come and the biggest winner being California public schools. The California Lottery provides supplemental funding to the state's public schools, colleges and universities. The Lottery also provides essential revenue to more than 23,000 local businesses, most of which are independently-owned by entrepreneurs, that sell tickets.

###

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.

www.calottery.com