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Trio of Lottery Players Win Combined \$11 Million in Prizes!

Christmas Will Have Special Meaning for The Families of These Winners

SACRAMENTO – Three lucky California Lottery *Scratchers*® players will have newfound wealth to celebrate the holiday season. They just became millionaires!

Kenneth Wright won \$5,000,000 playing a *100X Scratchers* ticket. It was purchased at the ARCO am/pm at 22375 Sherman Way in **Canoga Park (Los Angeles County)**. Wright bought the ticket and went home to scratch it. Once he discovered he might have a huge winning ticket, he called his son and then his best friend who happens to work in finance.

“This amount of money is life-changing,” Wright said. “I am so grateful, but I won’t retire; I love both my jobs and don’t plan to quit either one.” Wright went on to say he will use this money to “have the experience of becoming a homeowner” and to spoil his grandchildren a little more than usual. “Santa Papa,” as his family calls him, can’t wait for Christmas this year!

Also in **Los Angeles County**, **Jessica Cespedes** scored a \$1 million prize on a *Monopoly Scratchers* ticket. Her ticket was purchased at Canyon Liquor located at 8432 Laurel Canyon Boulevard in **Sun Valley**.

Cespedes said she couldn’t believe her good fortune and used the California Lottery mobile app to scan her ticket for verification.

“I called my parents and sister and shared my good news with them,” she said. She also pointed out that “Christmas will be extra special because my daughter will finally get her own room in our forever home!”

The final of the three wins happened farther north in the Central Valley. **Reyna Tamez Angulo** also won the \$5 million top prize playing a *100X Scratchers* ticket. That lucky ticket was purchased at Bee’s Market located at 6201 West Bowles Avenue in **Raisin City (Fresno County)**.

ARCO am/pm and Bee’s Market will each receive a \$25,000 bonus for selling winning \$5 million tickets, and Canyon Liquor will receive a \$5,000 bonus for selling a \$1 million winning ticket.

The sale of these games and others supports the mission of the California Lottery, which is to raise supplemental funding for the state's public schools, colleges, and universities. The Lottery also provides essential revenue to more than 23,000 local businesses that sell tickets. This money directly helps local businesses – most of which are independently owned.

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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 transferred to public education totaled more than \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely nondiscretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated almost \$8.4 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went 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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