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Two NorCal Lottery Players on Big Winner List!

SACRAMENTO – Not one, but two California Lottery players in the northern part of the state are celebrating potentially life-changing lottery wins. Both winners are taking quick action to ensure their money works for them.

In the Bay Area, **Pedro Escobar Hernandez** said he was in shock over what he won on a \$10 *Set For Life Scratchers®* ticket he purchased at gas station in **Daly City (San Mateo County)**. The lucky lottery player scored the top prize in the game, \$20,000 a month for 25 years (\$6 million before taxes). “The first thing I’m going to do is buy a house,” Escobar Hernandez said. He already has a good idea of what his new place might look like. “Perhaps some land, so I can have some horses.” Escobar Hernandez bought his ticket at 88th St. Fuels, which is located at 2428 Junipero Serra Boulevard in Daly City. This retailer will receive a bonus of \$30,000 for selling the winning ticket.

The second big win in Northern California bought the winning ticket at a retail location in **Rio Linda (Sacramento County)**. Retired vocational nurse, **Drucilla Ferguson**, is beyond grateful after scoring \$1 million (before taxes) on a *Million Dollar Multiplier Scratchers®* ticket. “This is a blessing to be able to help my children” stated Ferguson. She’s already working to establish a trust so that her goals are met. This lucky ticket was purchased at Stop And Shop Market, which is located at 6007 Dry Creek Road in Rio Linda. This retailer will receive a bonus of \$5,000 for selling the winning ticket.

*****Both winners respectfully decline any potential requests for media interviews. No photos or additional information about them will be released.*****

The California Lottery and its employees continue to serve an essential government function, providing supplemental funding to 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 by entrepreneurs trying to stay afloat during these difficult times.

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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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