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### ***Eight Players Celebrate Scratchers® Wins in September!***

**SACRAMENTO** – As September is in full swing, eight new Southland California Lottery players are celebrating big *Scratchers* ticket wins.

**Armando Zaragoza** won \$6,000,000 playing a *Set For Life Scratchers* ticket. That top-prize winning ticket was purchased at the 7-Eleven located at 2611 Carson Street in **Lakewood (Los Angeles County)**.

The next big winner is **David Lafortune**, who scored his \$5,000,000 top prize on a *2021 Scratchers* ticket purchased at Jug and Jigger located at 2612 East Garvey Avenue in West Covina (**Los Angeles County**). Lafortune told the California Lottery, “The days I don’t have to work, later in the morning, I will go buy lottery tickets and scratch the tickets in my man cave, which is my shed. I got to the last line (of the ticket) and scratched it off. I couldn’t believe it was \$5,000,000.” He says he plans to use the money for his upcoming retirement next year.

Rounding out the top three is **Carlos Jimenez**, who picked up a \$2,000,000 top prize playing an *Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers* ticket. That lucky ticket was purchased at A-1 Market located at 993 West Valley Boulevard in **Bloomington (San Bernardino County)**.

Here is a quick look at the other big winners from across Southern California who each won \$1,000,000 playing the latest popular California Lottery *Scratchers* tickets:

<b>Winner Name</b>	<b>Retailer Location</b>	<b>Scratchers Ticket</b>
<b>David Berntsen</b>	Arco AM/PM 5012 Lincoln Avenue <b>Cypress (Orange County)</b>	<i>Silver &amp; Gold</i>
<b>Elizabeth Duenas</b>	El Super 3405 East Cesar Chavez Avenue <b>Los Angeles</b>	<i>Red Hot 10's</i>
<b>Martin Haslup</b>	Smoke 4 Less 1944 North Lakewood Boulevard <b>Long Beach (Los Angeles County)</b>	<i>California Dreamin'</i>
<b>Robert Jacobs</b>	Fulton Square Liquor 4824 Fulton Avenue	<i>MONOPOLY™</i>

	<b>Sherman Oaks (Los Angeles County)</b>	
<b>Phil Sims</b>	Vons 185 East 17th Street <b>Costa Mesa (Orange County)</b>	<i>Multiplier Mania</i>

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