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**High resolution .jpg of Set for Life Scratchers ticket included

Biggest Scratchers® Prize Winner in CA Lottery History Celebrates Huge \$20 Million Payday!

SACRAMENTO – For **Chad Fry**, it started out as a routine trip to buy a new pair of shorts in Auburn (Placer County). But it ended with a drive home that was anything but routine; and one he says he will never forget.

"I'm sure it will hit me that I'm a millionaire [now that I've seen] all those zeroes!" Fry said.

Unbeknownst to him, after grabbing his new shorts, then stopping to "buy some beer and a Lottery ticket," at Foothill Market in Auburn, Fry became the first Lottery player to win the **largest cash prize** the California Lottery has ever paid out for a Scratchers ticket win: **\$20 million!** The top prize for the <u>Set For Life Millionaire Edition ticket</u> that Fry splurged on, is twice as much as the top prize (\$10 million) for any other Scratchers ticket currently on the market.

Fry said the only reason he was able to stop and buy that \$30 Lottery ticket is because he had finally been paid for a "side construction job" he finished this past winter. "I had been waiting months for these people to pay me! So I had a little extra money. When I was at the counter, it grabbed my eye, so I said, 'give me that thirty-dollar ticket,' and that was it!"

How he found out how he won is another story in itself! Fry said the game plan was to scratch the ticket once he got home. However, he remembered he needed to stop at the grocery store first. When he got to the parking lot, "I was like, hold on, let me scratch this thing really quick. I scratched the first line, got halfway through the second (line) and saw (the word) 'LIFE!'" That's the word players need to uncover to win one of the six record-prize tickets that are in circulation!



This image was taken from Fry's actual winning ticket, showing exactly what he saw.

The Set For Life Millionaire Edition ticket gives winners two payment options. They can choose to receive an annual payment of \$800,000 (before federal taxes) for 25 years, or they can select a lump sum payment of \$11.6 million (also before federal taxes). Fry selected the lump sum and plans to buy a new F250 truck. Every dollar spent on Lottery games supports California's public schools. The public can use this map tool on the Lottery's website to see how much money local schools have received from Lottery funds.

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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 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 \$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.

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