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Winner of \$27 Million SuperLotto Plus® Jackpot Emerges, Has Big Plans for Big Prize

SACRAMENTO – The winner of a \$27 million SuperLotto Plus jackpot from a ticket sold in Ventura County over the summer has come forward and claimed his prize! Silvestre Zarate bought the jackpot-winning ticket for the July 13th draw at Liquor Cellar on West Channel Island Boulevard, and it wound up matching all six numbers.

Zarate says he went in to buy a cold beverage and also decided to buy a Lottery ticket to try his luck for the multimillion-dollar jackpot that night. He only plays occasionally and didn't expect to win, so he didn't even think about the draw that night once he got home. The next day, when he heard someone won the jackpot, he checked his ticket.

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing! I almost fainted," Zarate told the California Lottery in Spanish, translated here for media use. "I'm so thankful for this prize. I'm only going to use some of the money for the necessary things in my life, and I'm giving the rest to my daughter for her education, college, and her future."

Zarate chose the lump sum cash option and will receive \$15.2 million before federal tax withholding.

"We especially love celebrating SuperLotto Plus winners," said Carolyn Becker, California Lottery spokesperson. "Unlike other popular draw games, Powerball® and Mega Millions®, where the jackpots are always an estimate, our California-only SuperLotto jackpot is *guaranteed* for tickets that match every single number."

SuperLotto Plus draws happen twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The jackpot for tomorrow night's draw is \$27 million once again.

***Note: Zarate does not wish to be interviewed by news media. For an interview with a California Lottery spokesperson, please use the contact information above.*

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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. The California Lottery urges its customers to play responsibly. Problem gambling resources are available to anyone at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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