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# *A Small Store Wins Big as Two CA Lottery Players Cash in \$28 Million in Prizes*

**SACRAMENTO** – Two California Lottery players are having a great start to June as they cash in massive tickets to kick off the summer season.

**Adrian Mac** won a \$23 million *SuperLotto Plus*® jackpot, hit back in December. That ticket came from the Copacabana Market in the Northridge area of Los Angeles.



The lucky ticket was also a big win for that San Fernando Valley store. Ven Lem, who owns the Copacabana Market, said word spread quickly about the massive prize before he even knew about it!

“Somebody saw that my store sold the winner. They called me to congratulate me,” Lem told the California Lottery.

Lem, who worked on power lines for 30 years, opened the Brazilian market two years ago. He gets a \$115,000 retailer bonus for selling that lucky ticket and plans to use it to improve his store.

There was more luck to be had in the San Fernando Valley as **Edwin Baghoomian** matched five numbers from a *Powerball*® draw back in September. He came forward to claim the prize worth \$5,422,749. That ticket was sold at Thirst Quencher Liquor in Burbank.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$43.8 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight draw games and dozens of new instant Scratchers games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found here. California Lottery is also committed to promoting responsible gaming. Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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