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## **BIG WEEK FOR BIG LOTTERY WINNERS**

May 20, 2016 LITTTLE ROCK— It's been a big week for big Arkansas Scholarship Lottery winners! This week's largest prizes include:

On Monday, Jerry Willis of Harrison (Boone County) claimed one of the \$50,000 top prizes of the \$20 instant game 200X The Money, a game launched in August 2015 that still has more than \$5 million yet to be claimed by players.\* Willis said he first told his wife about the win, and that he planned to give the money to his children. The winning ticket was sold at the White Oak Station at 4281 Highway 65 South, in Harrison.

On Tuesday, Arlette and Jessie Williams of Beebe (White County) each claimed half of the \$295,000 Natural State Jackpot jackpot, the Arkansas-only draw game. The Williamses said they plan to use the prize to fix up their vintage 1954 Chevrolet truck. The winning \$5 ticket was sold at Super 1 Stop, 20 Highway 64 West, in Beebe.

On Wednesday, James Nettles of Benton (Saline County) won \$22,564 playing AR Progressive Fast Play, an instant-play style game with a rolling jackpot that starts at \$1,000. Fast Play games are generated through the lottery terminal; players simply match their symbols to see if they have won, with no waiting for scheduled drawings. Nettles said he first told his mother about the win, and that he planned to pay off his truck, to give some to his mother, and to save the rest of the prize. The winning ticket was sold at Tobacco Mart #2, 1024 Military Road, in Benton.

Also on Wednesday, a \$150,000 winning Powerball ticket was sold at J-Square Exxon, 580 Dave Ward Dr., in Conway (Faulkner County). This winner has yet to step forward to claim the prize.

And today, Phillip Carr of Paragould (Greene County) claimed \$53,527 playing AR Progressive Fast Play. Carr said he first told his father about the win, and that he planned to purchase a house with the prize. The winning ticket was sold at Kum & Go, 4610 W. Kingshighway, in Paragould. All the aforementioned Lottery retailers will receive a 1 percent commission on the respective prizes for selling these winning tickets. These are just a few of this week's bigger Arkansas Scholarship Lottery winners. Congratulations to our players, our retailers – and, of course, our scholarship recipients.

(\*All prizes remaining are estimated according to winning tickets that have already been claimed. The ASL cannot determine how many winning tickets may be lost or purchased but as of yet remain unclaimed. All win combinations for each prize amount have been combined into the same prize tier row. Prizes remaining are updated daily.)

## About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

Since Lottery sales started in Arkansas in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided more than \$573 million for in-state college scholarships to Arkansas students, while players have won nearly \$2 billion in prizes -- and Lottery retailers have earned more than \$162 million in commissions. More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships and retailer commissions in the state.

Please follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Visit <u>www.myarkansaslottery.com</u> for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions, and to join the free *Play it Again* Rewards Club. To hear winning numbers, call the Winning Numbers Hotline at 501-682-IWON (4966). To get help with problem gambling, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-522-4700.

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