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Little Rock Man Wins \$5.75 Million Lottery Prize

Second Lucky for Life Grand Prize Winner in Arkansas

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – A Pulaski County resident recently claimed a \$5.75 million Lucky for Life® grand prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) Claim Center in Little Rock. The Arkansan, who elected to remain anonymous, ordered the winning ticket on the Jackpocket mobile app for the Sept. 12 drawing.

The winning numbers were 3, 11, 13, 26 and 45, with Lucky Ball 13. The Arkansas lottery player won the jackpot by matching all five numbers plus the Lucky Ball. He played a special set of numbers - his birthday (11/3), the age difference between him and his wife and the street number of two previous addresses (13), his age when he lost his father (26), and his age when his son was born (45).

After the drawing, Jackpocket sent the winner a congratulatory email notifying him that he had scored the \$5.75 million prize. However, the player did not discover he had won anything until the following day.

"I check my emails every morning at work," the winner told lottery officials. "I play Lucky for Life all the time and was shocked when I saw that I had won the grand prize.

I asked a close friend to confirm the win because I didn't think it was real," he added. "My friend thought it was a joke, so I asked my boss to check my ticket."

The winner's boss told him that he was, in fact, a multi-millionaire and that he needed to go home and tell his wife. It also took some convincing for her to realize he was not kidding.

The Arkansas lottery player had his choice of taking \$7,000 a week for life or the cash option of \$5.75 million. The 64-year-old winner selected the cash option and took home \$4,099,750 after taxes. He is the 99th person who has won a lottery prize worth \$1 million or more in Arkansas since 2009.

"I quit my job and would like my wife to do the same," he said. "She's a workaholic and wants to work toward semi-retirement."

The couple plans to finish some ongoing projects with the lottery prize.

The player is also the second person in Arkansas to win the Lucky for Life grand prize and is now tied as the third-largest jackpot ever won in the state on any lottery game. The last Lucky for Life winner was from Pine Bluff and claimed his \$5.75 million grand prize earlier this year.

"As I have said many times, nothing makes us happier than to award lottery prizes to our players," said Eric Hagler, ASL executive director. "Arkansas is definitely on a lottery-winning streak!"

Retailers receive a 1 percent commission from the sale of winning lottery products. Winners Corner, the retailer associated with ticket orders placed on Jackpocket, will receive a \$50,000 commission check for selling the winning ticket.

Lucky for Life is a multi-state game with drawings seven days a week at 9:30 p.m. The game was introduced to Arkansas in January 2015. Each Lucky for Life play is \$2 and can be purchased at all lottery retailers or on the Jackpocket app.

For information on game odds and how to play, visit MyArkansasLottery.com. For more information about Jackpocket, please visit Jackpocket.com.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

More than 92 cents of every dollar of ASL revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions, and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the lottery has raised more than \$1.3 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 720,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4.7 billion in prizes to players, about \$392 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$169 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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About Jackpocket

<u>Jackpocket</u> is on a mission to create a more convenient, fun and responsible way to take part in the lottery. The first licensed third-party lottery courier app in the United States, Jackpocket provides an easy, secure way to order official state lottery tickets. Jackpocket is currently available in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Washington D.C. and West Virginia, and is expanding to many new markets. Download the app on <u>iOS</u> and <u>Android</u> or participate via <u>desktop</u>. Follow along on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.



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