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## Pulaski County Man Claims \$999,000 LOTTO Jackpot

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – A Little Rock man became the second jackpot winner on the state's newest lottery game, LOTTO. The winner, who elected to remain anonymous, recently claimed his \$999,000 prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) Claim Center in Little Rock.

The Arkansan purchased the winning ticket from J Grace Mart Inc., 10100 N. Rodney Parham Road in Little Rock, for the Sept. 13 drawing. He won by matching the six main numbers – 1, 5, 17, 18, 23 and 39.

"I went to the store with my brother-in-law to purchase a LOTTO ticket since the drawing was going to be held that night," said the Arkansas lottery player. "Our family plays the lottery quite often."

He added, "I checked my ticket after he (brother-in-law) saw on the lottery's website that someone won the jackpot. What shocked me even more was that the winning numbers were just random numbers that I selected."

The winner is undecided on what to do with his lottery prize.

"I'm still in disbelief and want some time to let this win sink in for a few days," said the claimant. "For now, I plan to continue working."

Retailers receive a 1 percent commission from the sales of winning lottery products, which means J Grace Mart Inc. will receive a \$9,990 commission check for selling the winning LOTTO ticket.

"LOTTO was designed to provide Arkansas lottery players an opportunity to win a significant jackpot amount without competing with players across the United States," said Eric Hagler, ASL executive director. "Congratulations to our newest LOTTO jackpot winner!"

LOTTO was launched in September 2022 and is only played and won in Arkansas. Drawings are held at 9 p.m. in Little Rock every Wednesday and Saturday. Tickets are \$2 per play. As with any lottery product, a player must be 18 or older to purchase a ticket.

The LOTTO jackpot for Saturday night's drawing stands at \$250,000.

Both winning and non-winning tickets are eligible to enter in The Club for Points for Prizes<sup>®</sup>. For more information, including game odds and winning numbers, visit MyArkansasLottery.com/LOTTO.

## **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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