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## Russellville Man Claims \$25,000 LOTTO Prize

\$50,000 Powerball Ticket Sold Via Jackpocket App

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Benjamin S. of Russellville won a \$25,000 prize in the March 6 LOTTO drawing. He claimed his prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Claim Center on March 15.

The winning ticket was sold at Tobacco Superstore #49 on 620 Union Street in Dardanelle. The winning numbers were 4, 5, 22, 26, 27 and 36, with the bonus number being 32.

Benjamin purchased the winning ticket during his lunch break. A frequent lottery player, he prefers buying draw games and scratch-off tickets with his previous prizes. This time, he purchased a Quick Pick LOTTO ticket. The computer-selected digits matched five out of six winning numbers, plus the bonus number, awarding him the \$25,000 prize.

The unsuspecting Russellville resident learned of his win the following Monday when he stopped by the same retailer to purchase another ticket.

"Someone apparently won \$25,000 here," the clerk said. "Have you checked your ticket?"

Benjamin scanned his ticket inside the store and, sure enough, discovered that he'd won a prize. He was initially confused, though.

"It said, 'File claim ticket,' and I was like, 'What does this mean?'" Benjamin said.

After receiving confirmation from the staff about his win, Benjamin called his wife to celebrate. He then notified his boss, who was a bit more reluctant to believe the news.

"He said, 'You're kidding me,'" the winner shared with lottery officials. "I spent five minutes convincing him."

Finally persuaded, Benjamin's boss shared in his excitement and insisted that he take the following day off work to visit the claim center.

Benjamin plans to save his prize money for now, as well as continue playing lottery games.

"There's not enough zeros after this," the winner said, gesturing to his check.

The LOTTO jackpot has still not been hit, jumping to \$1.323 million following Saturday night's drawing. The next LOTTO drawing is Wednesday, March 20.

A \$50,000 Powerball ticket was recently sold via the Jackpocket app for the March 16 drawing. The winner has up to 180 days from the draw date to claim their prize.

Visit MyArkansasLottery.com for more information on lottery games and how to play.

## About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) creates winning people, winning futures, and winning moments. Since 2009, the ASL has sold over \$7.2 billion and returned more than \$1.3 billion for scholarships to benefit Arkansas students. More than 720,000 college scholarships distributed by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4.9 billion in prizes to players, more than \$409 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$175 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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