



## WINNER NEWS

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### **Pine Bluff Man Wins \$5.75 Million Lottery Prize**

*First Ever Lucky for Life Grand Prize Winner in Arkansas*

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LITTLE ROCK – Last Friday, a Pine Bluff resident claimed a \$5.75 million grand prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery’s Claim Center. He won by matching all five numbers plus the Lucky Ball in the Lucky for Life® game last Thursday. He is the only person in Arkansas ever to win the Lucky for Life grand prize – the third-largest jackpot ever won in Arkansas on any lottery game.

The winning numbers were 1, 7, 20, 21, 38 with Lucky Ball 15. The winner had his choice of taking \$7,000 a week for life or the lump sum of \$5.75 million. The 60-year-old winner selected the cash option and took home \$4,088,250 after taxes. He elected to remain anonymous.

The winner said he purchased one \$2 Lucky for Life ticket and one \$1 Natural State Jackpot ticket last Thursday. Both were Quick Picks. The next morning, he stepped outside to enjoy the sunrise and realized he had not checked the numbers on his tickets. So, he pulled out his cell phone and was surprised to see that all five numbers and the Lucky Ball number matched the numbers on his Lucky for Life ticket. He kept checking to make sure his eyes were not playing tricks on him.

Then he showed his phone with the winning numbers and his ticket to his wife. She agreed that all six numbers matched. However, she asked her husband, “What does that mean?”

The winner said he thought he was dreaming and kept waiting to wake up.

“We were sitting at home this morning pondering what to do. I Googled everything I could think of to make sure I won,” the winner said. “Then I told my wife, ‘Let’s go to Little Rock and see if we won, and if we did, how much.’”

The couple, who have two grown children, said they are still in shock. They plan to do some home renovations and purchase a GMC Denali.

“We need to calm down before we make future plans for the money,” he said. “We plan to get with a financial advisor right away.”

The winning ticket was sold at the A to Z Mini Mart, 2601 W. 65<sup>th</sup> St. in Little Rock. That retailer will receive a \$50,000 commission check for selling the winning ticket.

A Lucky for Life player from Little Rock bought a ticket on the Jackpocket app for last night’s drawing and won \$5,000. Two other players each won \$5,000 on Lucky for Life last week – one ticket purchased at the Tobacco Superstore, 405 Southwest Drive in Jonesboro, for Friday night’s drawing and one person in Little Rock who ordered a ticket on the Jackpocket app for Saturday night’s drawing.

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery reminds players to play responsibly. For game odds and winning numbers, visit [MyArkansasLottery.com](http://MyArkansasLottery.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 \$1.2 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 675,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4 billion in prizes to players, about \$372 million in retailer commissions and provided more than \$161 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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