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Garfield Woman Claims \$220,001 in Lottery's Natural State Jackpot

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Marites Chambers of Garfield claimed a \$220,001 lottery prize this morning at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) Claim Center. She purchased the winning Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) ticket at Village Market, 17047 Marshall St. in Garfield, for the July 28 drawing.

The winning numbers for that night's drawing were 7, 9, 10, 12 and 19. Chambers purchased one of the two winning tickets that were sold to split the \$440,000 jackpot, which was also the second-largest jackpot in the game's history.

The second winner, who bought their ticket at Kum & Go #402, 816 W. Monroe Ave. in Lowell, has yet to claim their \$220,000 lottery prize. They have 180 days from the July 28 draw date to claim their winnings.

Chambers regularly plays the lottery and won her \$200,000 prize by matching all five numbers drawn from a Quick Pick play. She also won a break-even prize of \$1 on an extra play on the ticket by matching two numbers.

"I have to protect this ticket," was her first thought when she realized she had a winning ticket. "I was so excited that I couldn't contain myself," she told lottery officials.

Chambers first told her husband, James, about her win. The couple plans to put the lottery prize towards home improvements, bills, and possibly a mutual fund.

Retailers receive a 1 percent commission from the sales of winning lottery products. Village Market will receive \$2,200 in commission for selling the winning ticket.

"We are ecstatic that our first NSJ winner has claimed her prize, and we thank Village Market for being our retail partner," said Eric Hagler, ASL executive director. "With the help of our retailers across the state, we have funded more than 720,000 college scholarships totaling more than one billion dollars!"

The NSJ, which is exclusive to Arkansas, draws at 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The jackpot for tonight's drawing is \$60,000. NSJ starts at \$50,000 and increases by \$5,000 every drawing until it hits \$150,000. After that, it grows by \$10,000 every drawing until it's won.

For more information on how to play, visit 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 720,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4.6 billion in prizes to players, about \$386 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$167 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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