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Memorial Weekend Brings Big Wins for Arkansans

\$10,000 Mega Millions Ticket Sold in Jacksonville

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Two Arkansans won big lottery prizes with tickets purchased during Memorial Day weekend.

Trumann resident Argenys Torres won \$100,000 playing the \$5 More Money instant game. He claimed his prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Claim Center on May 28.

The winning ticket was purchased at Jordan's Kwik Stop 12 on 301 Highway 463 N. in Trumann.

Argenys purchased the winning ticket on his way to work last Saturday. As part of his daily routine, the Trumann man stops by a gas station to purchase scratch-offs or the occasional draw game ticket. He always buys instant game tickets from the bin labeled with his lucky number: 8.

His commitment proved lucky this time: Argenys' \$5 More Money ticket awarded him the \$100,000 top prize.

"I was so happy, I almost had a heart attack!" the winner said.

Argenys first shared the news with his boss, who later accompanied him to the claim center.

"After knowing he won, he's happy to be able to help his family," his boss shared with lottery officials.

In addition to helping his family, Argenys also plans to invest his prize and continue playing lottery games.

There is one top prize left on the More Money instant game.

Another winner, Dennis Y. of Mabelvale, also won \$100,000 playing the \$5 Mystery Multiplier instant game. He claimed his prize on May 28.

The winning ticket was purchased at Murphy Express 8842 on 8800 Baseline Road in Little Rock.

Dennis, a weekly lottery player, bought the winning ticket as part of his usual order of "a cup of coffee and a couple of scratch-offs." While at the gas station, he purchased \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10 tickets. He scratched them off in his car, starting with the \$2 game and working up to \$10.

Soon, though, the Mabelvale man was stopped in his tracks: he had won the \$100,000 top prize on the Mystery Multiplier ticket.

"When I saw the winner on the \$5, I didn't even bother scratching off the \$10," Dennis said.

Overjoyed, the man first shared the good news with his wife, then texted his daughters via his family's group chat. He was only met with statements of disbelief.

"You're a liar," one daughter accused.

"I prank around a lot," Dennis admitted to lottery officials.

The Mabelvale man confirmed that he had indeed won the \$100,000 top prize, though, and his family rejoiced. His wife even scratched off the remaining \$10 ticket to see if he had won another prize.

With his winnings, Dennis plans to buy land for a new home. He also intends to continue playing lottery games for fun and has already purchased new tickets.

Two top prizes remain on the Mystery Multiplier instant game.

A Mega Millions® winning ticket worth \$10,000 was sold at Kroger 614 on 103 Gregory Place in Jacksonville for the May 28 drawing. The winning numbers were 12, 18, 48, 57 and 62. The Megaball® number was 4, and the Megaplier® was 5. The winner has 180 days from the draw date to claim their prize.

The Mega Millions jackpot for tomorrow night's drawing is \$522 million.

For more information about lottery games and how to play, visit MyArkansasLottery.com.

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moments. Since 2009, the ASL has sold over \$7.3 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 \$5 billion in prizes to players, more than \$416 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$176 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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Argenys Torres from Trumann won \$100,000 playing the More Money instant game.



Dennis Y. of Mabelvale won \$100,000 playing Mystery Multiplier. Dennis is pictured with his daughter, Lauren.

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