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Smithville Woman Claims \$250,000 in Lottery's Natural State Jackpot with Ticket Ordered on Lotto.com

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Melody Carmical of Smithville claimed a \$250,000 lottery prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) Claim Center.

The Arkansan ordered the winning Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) ticket at Lotto.com for the Dec. 14 drawing. The winning numbers for that night's drawing were 6, 16, 20, 25 and 29.

Carmical, who regularly plays the lottery, won the jackpot by matching all five numbers drawn with a special set of numbers "angel" numbers.

"I chose numbers representing faith and new beginnings," the winning ticket holder told lottery officials. "I select these numbers every time I play the lottery."

Carmical first told her husband about the win. The player plans to put the lottery prize toward bills and her retirement.

Retailers receive a 1 percent commission from the sales of winning lottery products. Player's Café, the retailer associated with ticket orders placed on Lotto.com, will receive a \$2,500 commission check for selling the winning ticket.

Lotto.com, which boasts over 1.4 million customers, is currently available in Arkansas, Colorado, Minnesota, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, and Texas, and offers digital access to order official state lottery tickets.

The NSJ, which is exclusive to Arkansas, draws at 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The jackpot for tonight's drawing is \$70,000. 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. Each play is \$1.

For more information on how to play, visit MyArkansasLottery.com. For more information on Lotto.com, visit www.Lotto.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 \$1.3 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 720,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4.8 billion in prizes to players, about \$401 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$172 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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