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Charlotte family claims third big lottery prize **- Greensboro man to take care of mother with \$1 million Powerball win -** **- Another Clemmons woman wins top prize instantly -**

RALEIGH – The McCauley family from **Charlotte** may rank among the luckiest in lottery history. On Monday, Kimberly McCauley walked into NCEL headquarters in Raleigh to claim the \$100,000 prize she'd won in the new instant scratch-off game 10X the Money. When asked if she would like to take a souvenir photo with the oversized check, she laughed and looked to her mother Amy for advice. Her mother has been in this type of situation twice before.

Amy McCauley won \$15.5 million in the New York Lotto game back in 1991 and just recently collected the final check from her 20-year annuity. In April 2007, she matched all five numbers on her Carolina Cash 5 ticket and won another top prize, this time \$161,172. She also collected two \$1,000 prizes in 2009 playing the NCEL's \$130 Million Blockbuster game.

"I never thought I'd win anything," said Kimberly as she collected her prize. "I figured my mom was hogging all the luck. This is so overwhelming, but it's a good kind of overwhelming." Kimberly said she called her mother when she realized she had won, but at the time thought she'd only won \$10,000. As she continued to scratch the ticket while on the phone, she said she felt elated to realize she'd won the top prize. Kimberly said she may use her winnings, worth \$68,001 after taxes, to pay off her student loans and purchase a Mini Cooper. She purchased her winning ticket at the Texaco Foodmart on Central Avenue in Charlotte. 10X the Money launched on July 5 with six \$100,000 top prizes. As of Thursday afternoon, five top prizes remain to be claimed.

William Garner, an information technology student from **Greensboro**, plans to give his mother anything she wants after winning \$1 million playing Powerball. His \$2 Power Play ticket from the July 16 drawing matched all five white balls but not the Power Ball. Garner learned of his win on Tuesday morning when he looked up the numbers on the internet, but didn't realize how much he'd won until he validated his ticket at the local claims center.

"I thought I'd won \$200,000," Garner said. "The lady at the claims center played with me a little bit, but finally told me I'd won the million. Funny thing is, my family was talking about the lottery during Sunday dinner, and the whole time I didn't even know I was a winner. It still isn't real to me yet." Garner also plans to use his winnings, worth \$680,015 after taxes, to purchase a new car and move out of his apartment. The ticket was sold at the Great Stops on West Market Street in Greensboro.

Powerball players won 27,891 prizes from \$3 to \$10,000 for a total payout of \$233,670 in Wednesday's drawing. Because no ticket matched all six numbers, the jackpot for Saturday's drawing is estimated at \$92 million if taken as an annuity, or \$48.4 million if the lump sum option is chosen.

A truck driver of 40 years from Lenoir County picked up a payload worth \$339,152 playing the Carolina Cash 5 jackpot game. Clifton Outlaw of **Deep Run** checked the winning numbers for the Sunday, July 17 drawing through his DirecTV menu system. When he saw the winning numbers on the TV screen, he knew he had won the jackpot without looking at his ticket, as he always plays the same set of numbers. Outlaw purchased his winning ticket, worth \$230,624 after taxes, at the Southwood Mini Mart on Highway 58 South in **Kinston**. He had no immediate plans for his prize money.

For the second time in a week, a woman from **Clemmons** in Forsyth County claimed a top prize on a scratch-off ticket. On the heels of Paula Graham's \$200,000 a Year for Life win, Clemmons resident Judy Hester scratched off the \$100,000 top prize on her EZ Grand ticket, just days before her retirement. She realized she had won while sitting at home with her husband on Friday.

"My husband walked in and asked if I had won yet," Hester said. "I told him 'Not yet, but I feel one coming.' I thought it was \$1,000 at first, but I saw another 10 and then another 10. I thought my glasses had quit working. This is just wonderful." Hester

plans to use her winnings, worth \$68,001 after taxes, to pay off her mortgage and take a casino trip. The winning ticket was purchased at the Fast Track on Lewisville Clemmons Road in Clemmons.

In Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing, 9,164 players won prizes of \$2 to \$10,000 for a total payout of \$97,961. Because no ticket matched all six numbers, the estimated jackpot for Friday's drawing is \$53 million if taken as an annuity, or \$34.4 million if the lump sum option is chosen.

The North Carolina Education Lottery has paid out more than \$4.4 million in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, July 18. Carolina Pick 3 players have won more than \$542,000. Carolina Pick 4 players have won more than \$337,000 including 20 tickets that won the top prize of \$5,000. Carolina Cash 5 players have won more than \$71,000.

Winners in the July 20 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown	Unknown	\$10,000	Lowe's Foods #213 13108 Eastfield Rd., Huntersville
Unknown	Unknown	\$10,000	Lake Norman Grocery 1208 River Highway, Mooresville

Winners in the July 19 Mega Millions drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown	Unknown	\$10,000	Food Lion #348 3197 Peters Creek Pkwy., Winston-Salem
Unknown	Unknown	\$10,000	Metro Express Market and Grill 2500 Erwin Rd., Durham

Winner in the July 17 Carolina Cash 5 drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Clifton Outlaw	Deep Run	\$339,140	Southwood Mini Mart 1189 N.C. 58 S., Kinston

Winners in the July 16 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
William Garner	Greensboro	\$1,000,000	Great Stops #5 5412 W. Market St., Greensboro

Winner in the July 12 Mega Millions drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
John Hart	Newport	\$10,000	Newport BP Mini Mart 101 Main St., Newport

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Judy Hester	Clemmons	\$100,000	EZ Grand
Kimberly McCauley	Charlotte	\$100,000	10X the Money
Ruby Blackwell	Salisbury	\$20,000	Break the Bank
Jason Hayes	Seagrove	\$20,000	\$20K Payday
Gregory Gainey	Stedman	\$10,000	\$200,000 a Year for Life
Crystal Hedrick	Lexington	\$10,000	\$200,000 a Year for Life
Anthony Barrett	Winterville	\$5,000	Jumbo Bucks
Hyun Ho Cho	Cary	\$5,000	\$500,000 Anniversary Cash
Otoniel Gonzales	Hickory	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Vincent Jordan	Siler City	\$5,000	\$500,000 Anniversary Cash
Jennie O'Neal	Swan Quarter	\$5,000	\$200,000 a Year for Life
Ashley Parker	New Bern	\$5,000	\$500,000 Anniversary Cash

Carolina Cash 5 Jackpot Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	410

Powerball Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$74.5 Million - \$141.4 Million	3
\$200,000 - \$2 Million	210
\$10,000 - \$100,000	1206

Mega Millions Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$12 Million and above	1
\$250,000 - \$1 Million	28
\$10,000 - \$40,000	107

*The Powerball numbers are since May 31, 2006.
The Mega Millions numbers are since Feb. 1.
The totals do not include unclaimed prizes.*

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*North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-olds, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.
For prizes of \$5,000 and greater, 25% federal tax and 7% state tax are automatically withheld.*