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Air Force Retiree Claims \$1,000,000 Powerball Prize

TRENTON (May 17, 2017) – Daniel Snelgrow of Cameron, North Carolina, served our country as a member of the Air Force. He is now retired from the Air Force but still regularly travels between New Jersey and North Carolina. Snelgrow is a Lottery fan who enjoys playing a variety of games including Powerball. He purchased a New Jersey Lottery Powerball ticket for the Saturday, February 18 drawing, when the jackpot had climbed to \$349 million. The morning after the drawing he was shocked when he saw that the five white balls drawn matched his own, hand-selected numbers.

In disbelief, Snelgrow asked his wife to confirm what he thought he had seen. She too saw the match, but still they were unconvinced. They called their daughter into the room to triple check the numbers. It was true! His numbers matched all five of the white balls drawn; also shocking and slightly disappointing was that his Powerball number was only one digit off from the jackpot winning number. Snelgrow chose 21 as his Powerball number, in honor of Roberto Clemente, one of his favorite baseball players. The winning Powerball number drawn was 20.

Snelgrow spent the weekend guarding the lucky ticket awaiting the opening of the Lottery on Monday. When Monday came, in preparation for the long drive from North Carolina to New Jersey, his wife placed the ticket in a zippered pouch, put the pouch in his pants pocket, and then safety pinned the pocket closed. They didn't want to take any chances of losing the ticket. Lucky for them, both Snelgrow and the ticket arrived safely at Lottery Headquarters where he was able to validate and claim his ticket.

Snelgrow plans to share this money with his immediate family. First priority goes to paying off some bills and his children's student loans. After those are taken care of, next on the list is ensuring a proper wedding for his daughter this summer. His ticket was purchased at Wrightstown Wine & Liquor, 403 East Main Street in Wrightstown.

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