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The First in the Nation MONOPOLY MILLIONAIRES' CLUB™
Lottery Game Top Prize Winner Claims Prize in New Jersey
Lucky Sussex County player scores with \$21 million prize

TRENTON, N.J. (Nov. 14, 2014) – The New Jersey Lottery had the honor of crowning the first in the nation, Top Prize winner of the MONOPOLY MILLIONAIRES' CLUB™ draw game!

Wayne O'Keefe is the winner of the \$21 million annuity prize from the Nov. 7th MONOPOLY MILLIONAIRES' CLUB lottery game drawing. O'Keefe matched all five numbers 01, 09, 11, 12, and 27 plus one Property Number-18 (B&O Railroad), to win the prize. O'Keefe purchased his ticket opting for the cash option and will receive \$12,804,878 before taxes.

Carole Hedinger, Executive Director, New Jersey Lottery said, "The MONOPOLY game properties are all streets in Atlantic City so it seems fitting that New Jersey has the first Top Prize win in the nation. We are pleased that a New Jersey resident is benefiting from the life-changing prize. In addition, institutions and organizations across the state benefit from lottery revenue generated from the ticket sales of all our games."

O'Keefe claimed his MONOPOLY MILLIONAIRES' CLUB draw game Top Prize at New Jersey Lottery Headquarters on Nov. 14. The lucky winner purchased his ticket at Highland General Store, Inc. 111 Highland Lakes Rd., Highland Lakes. Mr. O'Keefe, 65-years old and a veteran of two tours of duty in Vietnam, arrived at headquarters accompanied by his wife of 37 years, Stacie and son Wayne Jr., 22 years old. Wayne expressed pride for his son who is a member of the Army National Guard and for his service to the community during Hurricane Irene and its aftermath. Wayne also thanked all of the men and women of the armed services for their duty.

The O'Keefe Family believes that it was Stacie's mother, who passed away on Oct. 30 at the age of 91, who is their lottery angel making this life-changing win possible. It was the day of the memorial service that Wayne checked his lottery ticket on the self-check Ticket Scanner. The

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message read, "Claim Winner, Please see clerk," the meaning of which was a bit unclear for Wayne and the store owner. It wasn't until the following day that the O'Keefe's learned the true value of their lottery win.

With gratitude for the care of Wayne's father, the O'Keefe family will be making a contribution in support of the New Jersey Fireman's Home. To honor of the memory of Stacie's mother, and in gratitude for the care she received from the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, they will be making a contribution to the Karen Ann Quinlan Memorial Foundation.

The Top Prize win triggered 14 Millionaire Club winners of \$1 million each among the 23 states now selling the MONOPOLY MILLIONAIRES' CLUB lottery game. Millionaire Club winners were drawn from players in AZ, DC, FL, GA, MD, MO, NY, PA, TN and TX. There were three numbers each drawn in FL and NY.

The MONOPOLY MILLIONAIRES' CLUB lottery game went on sale Oct. 19. Its unique play style features three ways to win \$1 million. Players can win the Top Prize that is capped at \$25 million. Once that Top Prize is won, a separate drawing that awards a minimum of 10 Millionaires' Club prizes of \$1 million each is conducted. Each week the Top Prize is not won, the number of \$1 million prizes increases.

Players will also have a shot at a \$1 million prize on the upcoming MONOPOLY MILLIONAIRES' CLUB TV show, which will debut in February. The show will feature an audience of players who have been randomly selected after completing MONOPOLY-themed Property Sets by entering codes from their tickets on www.playmmc.com. Selected players will be flown to Las Vegas where the show will be taped, and will receive a five-day, four-night stay for two plus spending money at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino. Billy Gardell, star of *Mike and Molly* and *Me, You and Dupree*, will serve as the host of the show.

The MONOPOLY MILLIONAIRES' CLUB lottery game drawings are at 11:15 p.m. Eastern and tickets are \$5 each. Currently, MONOPOLY MILLIONAIRES' CLUB draw tickets are available in 23 states around the country.

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed more than \$22 billion to the State in support of education and institutions. In Fiscal Year 2013, the Lottery's contribution was more than \$1 billion. Among its beneficiaries are: veterans homes, community and other colleges and universities, school nutrition programs, homes for the developmentally disabled, psychiatric hospitals, higher education scholarship programs and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

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