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James Kirkwood won \$75,000 playing Instant Hidden Gems.

## \$75,000 LOTTO WIN FOR SENIOR

James Kirkwood said he would have been happy with \$75. Instead, he walked away with \$75,000.

Kirkwood purchased an Instant Hidden Gems ticket at Quik Pik Variety on Miller Drive and took it home. He gave the ticket to his wife the day before Mother's Day.

"She uncovered the tick-

et and said, 'I think we've won \$75,000!'" he said while picking up his prize at the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation prize centre in Toronto. "This was amazing. I can't believe \$3 turned into \$75,000."

The 78-year-old retired machine shop manager said he will put the money in the bank for now while deciding

how to spend his winnings.

"I'm in disbelief about \$75,000," said the father of two and grandfather of three, who won the game's top prize.

The OLG has reopened its prize centre in Toronto for in-person prize claims for winners of \$50,000 or more. Claims can be made by appointment only.

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**I am married and we have a home together. Can I stay in the home without my spouse there?**

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The home in which married spouses live is called the "matrimonial home". It has special status as both married spouses have a right to "possess", so occupy the matrimonial home. Generally speaking, one spouse cannot block or forbid the other from being at the home. However, under certain circumstances one spouse can seek to have "exclusive possession" of the matrimonial; so, to effectively have the home to him/herself alone. A spouse would have to bring a motion before the court asking for an order that (s)he be granted exclusive possession of the home. The court will give consideration to a number of issues when deciding whether to do so or not, including: the best interest of the children, any existing orders, the financial position of both spouses, any written agreements, the availability of other suitable and affordable accommodations, and whether there has been violence committed by a spouse against the other spouse or against the children. If a spouse is granted exclusive possession, (s)he may also be ordered to pay for things related to the occupation of the home, for instance the mortgage or rent, property taxes, property insurance and/or utilities. We do a lot of family/divorce law across our three offices, including 8 Guelph Street, Georgetown, in the Lounsbury Life & Group Insurance Benefits building. I am happy to have a Zoom meeting with you for a free consultation. Stay well and safe, and have a great weekend.

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