



# Meet Mr. Right

Vipin Patel does what's right. Case in point, he found a wallet in his store and returned it to its owner. Six months later, Patel is still being rewarded for his act of kindness.

Patel was closing up on December 28 when he found the wallet abandoned near the store's coffee machines. Patel recognized the teen's photo from his school ID. With schools closed for the holidays, Patel had no way to reach him, so he held onto the wallet hoping the young man would stop back in. New Year's Day the Greenville teen returned and was reunited with his wallet. Inside was \$500 in Christmas money the teen's mom had given him.

Impressed by Patel's honesty, the teen's mom called two local television stations with the story.

Since the story aired, foot traffic is up at Street Corner News, the business Patel has run for 17 years in the food court at the Haywood Mall in Greenville. Lottery play has steadily increased too.

While the mall might not be the first place you would think to buy a lottery ticket, Patel says there's something special about playing the Lottery where you can shop, choose from multiple lunch options, and people watch.

And Patel says he's ready to make news again.

"This time I want to sell a big winning ticket. It would be great for the mall," he added.

His biggest win so far was a \$20,000 winner a few years back. But as popularity in the Lottery grows, he's hoping the odds are in his favor.

After all, he says, Karma's on his side.

"I sleep well at night knowing I did the right thing," he recounts.



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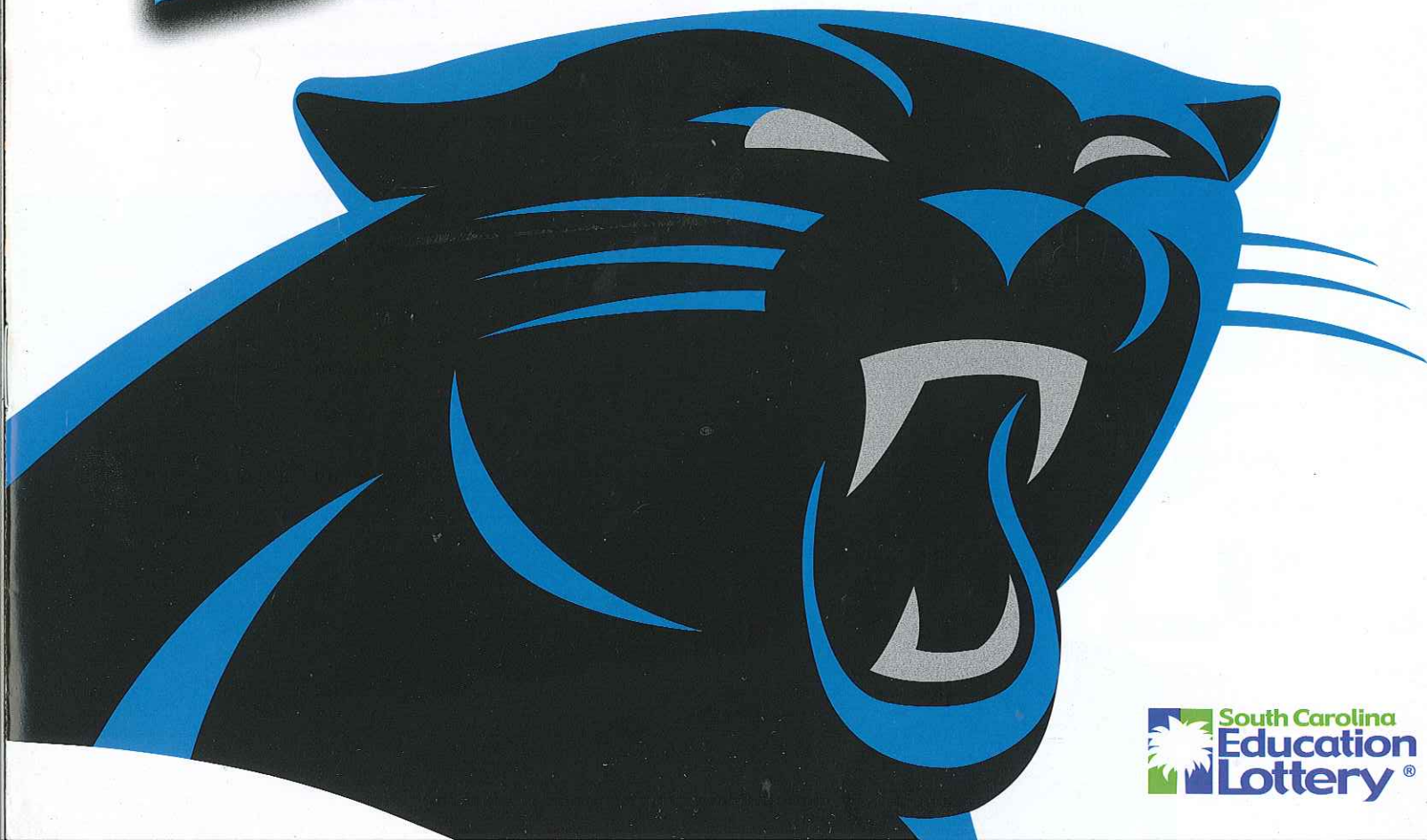
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