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## Mother, daughter share \$15.2M lotto

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**SHABNAM JANET JANANI**  
 STAFF REPORTER

An 82-year-old Toronto grandmother postponed receiving her \$15.2 million jackpot winnings for eight weeks so that she would be able to hand out Halloween candy and avoid any unwanted attention to her and her home.

"I wanted to hand out candy to the children," said Elena Dal Dan who won the LOTTO 6/49 jackpot with her daughter, Viviana Dal Dan, on the Sept. 10 drawing.

When she learned of the win, "I was in shock," said Viviana, who bought the ticket. She plans to pay off some debts and her mortgage. Elena, who has another daughter and three grandchildren, says she may use some money for travelling.

The women picked up their cheque at the lotto office yesterday.



SUPPLIED PICTURE  
 Elena Dal Dan, left, and daughter Viviana hold winning cheque Nov. 4, 2008.

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**Huh ?**

Who cares if it's Halloween, Christmas, Easter.....I'd put the money in the bank right away and get the heck out of here ! There would be smoke fumes coming from my behind, that's how fast I'd leave Toronto !! Hawaii here I come !!

Posted By canadianwoman at 3:56 PM Wednesday, November 05 2008

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**Brave move....i guess**

At 82 I would think she would be thinking twice about buying green banana's. Most people would have taken the money and started enjoying whatever time is left.

Posted By berflegunk at 3:48 PM Wednesday, November 05 2008

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**Very smart**

The Halloween postponement may have saved you from some potential trouble, good thinking on your part.

Posted By UltimateToronto.com at 1:36 PM Wednesday, November 05 2008

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**82????**

maybe it's a typo...she looks closer to 62! Besides, if she is 82 when did she have her daughter...when she was 50? Regardless of her age...she's \$15.2million richer! Congrats!!!!

Posted By triviajunker at 1:27 PM Wednesday, November 05 2008

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**Handing out candy?**

Yea sure. As for the pests that come along with winning, they would have a hard time finding me while I was travelling anywhere in the world I have always wanted to visit. The house sitter looking after my house until it was sold could have handed out the treats all that money could have bought.

Posted By larryl at 12:35 PM Wednesday, November 05 2008

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**who cares**

why she waited? It's her choice. So what if she lost 8 weeks worth of interest? I would imagine that for most any of us winning \$15 million would come as somewhat of a shock, and the woman probably needed time to think about it -- and she didn't want her life to suddenly go crazy! I don't blame her for sitting back and taking some time to let it all sink in. And as others have said, she sure does look awesome for 82. Congratulations ladies; enjoy it.

Posted By readandfeed at 12:32 PM Wednesday, November 05 2008

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Winning \$15.2 Million in the public eye will change her life forever. I think it is commendable that they waited 8 weeks to claim the prize. I'm sure the time was spent wisely evaluating future priorities without the undue attention.

Posted By jpac at 12:02 PM Wednesday, November 05 2008

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**Questions?**

I may be the most suspicious guy on the planet but why would this women wait 8 weeks to claim her prize? If I won and had two children I would be showing up with both of them. The winnings are tax free but giving huge gifts after the fact could be taxable. As long as the draws are not broadcast live there will be suspicious people like me. The Ombudsman wrote a 60 page report about fraud and corruption at the O.L.G. and I believe nothing much has changed except they are probably better at what they do.

Posted By larryl at 11:53 AM Wednesday, November 05 2008

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**If there isn't a law, there should be.**

One can no longer be king of their own castle. Pity isn't it that people are allowed to hound you into insanity. If I win the lottery, the first purchase will be a guard dog and I will chain him to my front door. Grrrrrr!!

Posted By captgecj10 at 11:41 AM Wednesday, November 05 2008

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**I guess you don't get it Blum**

There was a documentary shown on TV during the summer time where it talked about this guy that the sole purpose the company he worked at was to go after people who won multi-million dollar payouts from the lottery, and get them to give them money that would be in turn put out to a variety of charities. There's people out there that just want you for your money & unfortunately no matter what the holiday, even Halloween, they will come and try to get it from you. Congrats to her & her daughter!!

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#### **you've never won a lotto, blum**

It's not about the media, Blum. It's about the people who will be constantly hounding her for donations, and the people (with great intentions) constantly coming to congratulate her. Waiting was the right choice if she wanted to have a normal Halloween.

Posted By redphone at 10:43 AM Wednesday, November 05 2008

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#### **Pennies From Heaven**

I am 54 and look like hell compared to her. In fact I look like hell compared to my 62 year old brother. I think I need to change my diet, stop drinking OR win a lottery. Best of luck with your future ladies....enjoy.

Posted By nosnow at 10:30 AM Wednesday, November 05 2008

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