

Record Russian Jackpot

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A jackpot of 45 million rubles (\$1.4 million), the highest in the history of post-Soviet Russia, went to a Surgut native, although his bet is still being subjected to a mandatory check, a state lottery spokesman told Interfax on Tuesday.

The winner, identified only by the first name Mikhail, had a 1-in-8-million chance of winning, but he did what he could to boost his odds, betting a total of 10,800 rubles (\$350), the spokesman said.

The lottery drawing took place Oct. 13, but the man did not make his claim until several days later, the report said. Mikhail may need to wait for two weeks to receive his cash. ❏

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