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"He rolled his eyes while he was reading the text," she said with a laugh.

Monday, about 12:30 p.m., Russman drove to the Pump and Pantry in Cozad to check the numbers on her lottery tickets.

The laboratory technician at Cozad Community Hospital said the Cozad convenience store is where she usually buys lottery tickets.

"The clerk ran them through the scanner and told me I had to go to Lincoln to claim my prize," she said.

Lottery participants who win more than \$20,000 are required to travel to the Nebraska Lottery office to pick up their winnings.

When Russman asked the amount she'd won, she said the clerk asked Russman if she wanted her to say the figure out loud.

"I did," Russman said. "When she did, I think I said 'No way' and then I started shaking.

"I was overwhelmed."

She called Casey right away who didn't believe her until she started crying.

Russman returned to work at the hospital that day and didn't plan to tell

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