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Brother, sister split Lotto jackpot

BATON ROUGE (AP) - A brother and sister from Jefferson Parish walked away without fanfare Tuesday with the $426,505 first after-taxed installment of the $12.6 million jackpot they won Jan. 7 for picking all six numbers in the Louisiana Lotto drawing.

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The Showboat Star Casino shut down Tuesday after learning that District Attorney Harry Connick planned to charge the operators with illegal dockside gambling.

"Showboat is protecting itself against the threat of a misdemeanor indictment that could jeopardize its gambling license in this and other jurisdictions," said a statement issued by the Star.

Manager Nick Gullo said Connick was threatening a misdemeanor charge because the Star continues to stay dockside rather than cruise.

Gullo said employees were on standby, but he was unsure when or whether the Star would reopen. Star owner Louis Roussel recently said he plans to move the South Shore Harbor from the Or-leans Parish Levee Board. Board

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