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New Year's Day Millionaire!

Ticket Worth \$1.2 Million Sold in Riverside County

SACRAMENTO – A *Powerball*® ticket sold in Riverside County won big bucks on New Year's Day! The ticket matched five numbers in last night's drawing (6-12-39-48-50) but missed the Mega number (7). Someone bought the winning ticket at the Valero at 3504 W Hobson Way in Blythe. That ticket is now worth \$1,205,860, and the store gets a bonus of \$6,029 just for selling it.

The California Lottery will not know the identity of the winner until he or she claims their prize.

If a person believes they have the winning ticket, they will need to complete a California Lottery claim form. Claim forms are available on our <u>website</u>, or at any Lottery District Office. They're also available at any of our more than 23,000 Lottery retailers throughout the state. Winners should sign the back of their ticket in ink, make a copy of the front and back, and put it in a safe place until they can claim their prize.

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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transferred to public education totaled more than \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely nondiscretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated almost \$8.4 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. The California Lottery urges its customers to play responsibly. Problem gambling resources are available to anyone at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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