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Big, BIG Lottery Wins in Fresno County!

SACRAMENTO – Not one but two California Lottery retail locations in Fresno County announce they've each sold a ticket worth more than a million dollars. And get this, they're both in Clovis! So, who are these lucky retailers?

- The first is University Market at 794 West Shaw Avenue. You may remember, someone bought a *Powerball*® ticket there that matched five numbers in the draw back on April 15. The lucky player has now been declared! Romeo Valdez submitted a claim, and it has been verified by the Lottery. Valdez scores \$1.7 million before taxes. University Market receives an \$8,500 bonus from the Lottery just for selling that winning ticket.
- Next, we've got the Shop N Go located at 1197 North Willow Avenue. That's where Derick Hudnall spent just \$5 on a popular *Set for Life Scratchers*® that apparently does just that. He won the top prize of \$10,000 a month for 25 years. That's \$3 million before taxes! In this case, the retailer scores a selling bonus of \$15,000!

Lottery sales continue to provide critical revenue to local retailers that sell tickets, in the form of bonuses and commissions. In addition, the sale of California Lottery products can serve as an important draw to these stores. People often run in to get tickets and purchase other items as well.

Along with putting more money into local economies, the California Lottery and its employees proudly continue to serve an essential government function, providing supplemental funding to the state's public schools, colleges and universities.

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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 transfers to public education total approximately \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2018-19, which amounts to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely non-discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period the Lottery generated almost \$7 billion in sales, more than 95% of which goes 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.

