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\$22 Million Winner Declared in Riverside County!

And Even More Millionaires Made in Southern California as October Comes to an End

SACRAMENTO – Douglas Cummings is California’s newest multi-millionaire after striking it rich playing *Mega Millions*®. Cummings purchased a winning ticket worth an eye-popping \$22 million at the Chevron gas station located at 12464 Limonite Avenue in Mira Loma (Riverside County). The ticket matched all six winning numbers (46-69-48-12-35 and the Mega number 23) in the draw. While Cummings wants to remain quiet about his plans for the newfound fortune, the store manager at the Chevron station Christian Saracay was excited about the win.

“Our sales have gone up! The regulars were surprised when they heard about the win. They were happy someone won at the store they go to,” Saracay told the California Lottery. Saracay says they haven’t had any big wins like this before. “Anything more than a dollar win is big,” he said with a laugh. The Chevron will receive a \$110,000 bonus from the Lottery just for selling the winning ticket.

But wait, there is more! A Lot more winning in Southern California, that is.

Shelia Wilkerson cashed in a \$3 million *Set For Life Scratchers*® ticket. Wilkerson picked up that lucky ticket at Circle K (1675 North Perris Boulevard in Perris in Riverside County).

Genaro Carrillo got rich in an instant by playing an *Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers* ticket. Carrillo takes home \$2 million after buying that lucky ticket at Villalongin Market (13947 Foothill Boulevard in Sylmar in Los Angeles County).

It is no mystery how Nicholas Murillo won \$750,000. He picked up that prize after playing a *Mystery Crossword Scratchers* ticket from 7-Eleven (900 North Santa Fe Avenue in Vista in San Diego County).

The California Lottery and its employees continue to serve an essential government function, providing additional funding to the state's public schools, colleges and universities. The Lottery also provides essential revenue to local businesses trying to stay afloat in this challenging economic environment.

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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.

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