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\$2.6 Million Powerball® Ticket Sold in Temecula

SACRAMENTO – One lucky California Lottery player is celebrating April Fools' Day after winning \$2,656,980 in last night's *Powerball* drawing.

The ticket, which matched five numbers, but missed the Powerball number, was sold at Circle K located at 30535 South Highway 79 (Temecula Parkway) in Temecula (Riverside County). That retailer will receive a bonus of \$13,284 for selling the winning ticket.

The ticket matched the numbers **3-55-10-44-68** but missed the Powerball number 24.

No one won the *Powerball* jackpot last night. The jackpot for Saturday night's drawing is an estimated \$32 million.

The California Lottery and its employees continue to serve an essential government function, providing supplemental funding to the state's public schools, colleges and universities. The Lottery also provides essential revenue to more than 23,000 local businesses that sell tickets. This money directly helps local businesses – most of which are independently-owned by entrepreneurs trying to stay afloat during these difficult times.

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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.