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Two Lucky Tickets Win Big in Southern California – Two Days in a Row

Lottery Winners Don't Always Have to Hit the Jackpot to Win Millions

SACRAMENTO – For the second straight day, someone may be realizing they are California's newest millionaire. Earlier this week, a *Mega Millions*® ticket hit five of the six winning numbers; that ticket, [worth \\$2.6 million, was purchased in the San Fernando Valley](#). Today, the multimillion-dollar luck continues with a **winning ticket worth \$2,226,031** which hit just last night in the other multi-state game, **Powerball**®. That lucky ticket was sold at the Circle K at 19470 Brown Street in Perris in Riverside County.

The latest winning ticket matched five numbers in last night's drawing (**3-26-51-35-6**) missing only the red Powerball number (**17**). These back-to-back wins prove that players don't need to hit the jackpot to win big.

While we still don't know who the latest lucky winner is, we do know that the owner of the Circle K will receive an \$11,130 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

The winner has up to 180 days from the date of the draw to claim this 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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