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### ***Sky-High Surprise: Airport Worker Is Set for Life After Winning \$20 Million!***

**SACRAMENTO** – Durwin Hickman is used to the hustle and bustle of holiday travel. Hickman works as a skycap at a Bay Area airport, checking in travelers and helping them with their luggage. Taking a break from his hard work paid off earlier this year when Hickman bought a \$30 *Set For Life!* Scratchers® game and played it on his lunch break.



Hickman got to the second-to-last spot on the ticket when he uncovered the word “LIFE,” meaning he’d won the top prize of \$20 million!

Needless to say, Hickman was flying high from the experience. “It was the biggest rush I have had in my life,” Hickman told the California Lottery. He then sent a picture to his wife to double-check that he indeed did win the life-changing prize.

Hickman, who says he also won \$1,000 before playing the California Lottery, has big plans for this major windfall.

“My whole thing is I wanted to buy my wife a house,” Hickman shared.

That lucky ticket was sold at L & M Liquor in Hayward, which now gets a bonus of \$100,000 just for selling it.

Seven other lucky Scratchers tickets are also bringing holiday cheer to California Lottery players around the state.

- **Teresa Martinez** pocketed \$5,000,000 on a *100X* Scratchers ticket bought at Golden Eagle Gas in Morgan Hill.
- The team effort of **Eric Holtzman** and **Matoux De La Croix** won \$5,000,000 on a *Premier 7's* game from the CVS Pharmacy in Porter Ranch (Los Angeles County).

- **German Medina Zapata** won big on that game as well, bringing home \$5,000,000 on a *Premier 7's* bought at K&H Liquors in San Francisco. The next winner played a game that lived up to its name; **Roberto Perez** struck gold with a \$1,000,000 win on a *\$1,000,000 California Riches* Scratchers bought at Hanshaw Liquor in Garden Grove.
- **Maribel Delos Reyes** also joins the ranks of million-dollar winners with a win of \$1,000,000 on an *Ice Cool* Scratchers from Terry's Liquor in Artesia (Los Angeles County).
- **Miesha Dumas** also secured \$1,000,000 on an *Ice Cool* Scratchers bought at the 7-Eleven on Carson Street in Lakewood (Los Angeles County).
- Rounding out the latest millionaires the California Lottery is unveiling today, **Teh-An Lin** soared to a \$1,000,000 windfall on a *Cloud 9* Scratchers bought at Seafood City in Hayward.

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