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### ***CA Lottery Player's Secret Recipe for Spring Rolls Leads to a \$1 Million Scratchers® Win!***

**SACRAMENTO** – Reynaldo Phillips is rolling in the dough following a phone call from a friend asking him to cook some spring rolls. Phillips, who told the California Lottery he has a secret recipe for spring rolls, went to San Pablo Supermarket in San Pablo (Contra Costa County) to pick up his ingredients, and he walked out with what turned out to be a \$1 million winning *Perfect Gift!* Scratchers ticket.

“My last stop of the day was San Pablo Supermarket. I happened to look at the California Lottery machine, and the holographic bow on the ticket stuck out. I’d never played that one,” Phillips said. “I put in \$10 for one ticket. I get home and scratch it and see the bell symbol above and the number below it, and it says \$1,000,000!”

Phillips didn’t realize he’d won until he looked closer at the directions on the ticket. The California Lottery app confirmed had indeed won the top prize of \$1,000,000! Phillips then put the ticket under his mattress, believing this may be a dream.

“I said to myself, if this ticket is still there tomorrow morning, this is real,” Phillips said. The next morning, reality sunk in. Phillips says he plans to put some of the money into a classic car he’s been working on, and he plans to help his family as well.

California’s latest lucky Scratchers player has some words of advice about playing responsibly for others who buy tickets.

“Don’t chase it. Let it come to you,” Phillips said. “You can go broke doing that. How that day happened, it was meant to be. I feel like it was my time.”

Two other lucky California Lottery players scratched their way to \$1,000,000. Ruici Wu picked up a Bonus Money Scratchers ticket at Pronto Donuts in Monterey Park (Los Angeles County) for a million-dollar win.

Omar Balderas also won \$1,000,000 playing a California Dreamin’ Scratchers he got at the Goshen Travel Plaza off of Highway 99 in Tulare County.



(Image of Reynaldo Phillips' winning Scratchers ticket.)



(Image of San Pablo Supermarket at 2368 El Portal Drive in San Pablo)

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