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Powerball® Ticket Worth More Than \$1 Million Sold at San Diego County Grocery Store

SACRAMENTO – What a way to start June! One lucky player could be waking up as California's next millionaire. Someone bought a lucky ticket in San Diego County – which matched 5 numbers and missed only Powerball number – from last night's draw. That winning ticket is now worth \$1,036,009 before federal taxes. The winning numbers were 2-4-54-61-62 and 14.

The lucky winner bought their ticket at the Vons in Bonita, which is in southern San Diego County. This is the <u>second recent million-dollar winning ticket sold in San Diego County</u> in less than a month; another lucky Powerball ticket was sold in La Mesa in early May.

This Powerball jackpot started at \$20 million more than a month ago and has now climbed to an estimated \$262 million. With sales from this rolling jackpot sequence alone, the California Lottery has raised an estimated **\$16.7 million for public education**.

There were close to 55,000 winning tickets sold in California for last night's draw. Players can use the official California Lottery app to check their ticket and find out if it's a winner. The odds of hitting the Powerball jackpot are one in about 292,000,000, but the odds of winning at *any prize level* are just one in 24.

Powerball drawings happen three nights a week, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, at 7:59pm PT.

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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 approximately \$2 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated more than \$8.8 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. If you feel you have a gambling problem or know someone who does, you can get free confidential help by calling the California Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER.