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### ***California Lottery Player Stops to Fill Up – Buys Mega Millions® Ticket Worth More Than \$1.4 Million!***

*Tomorrow's Mega Millions Jackpot Draw Now Worth an Estimated \$91 Million*

**SACRAMENTO** – Jonathan S. says he was reading social media when he stumbled upon a post announcing that a *Mega Millions* ticket from an am/pm in Torrance had matched five of the six winning numbers from [that night's draw](#), winning a prize of \$1,442,494.



He didn't think much about it until it dawned on him that he bought a *Mega Millions* at an am/pm in Torrance three days earlier!

"It's not where I normally stop for gas, so it didn't really trigger any initial recollection until I started driving the next day," Jonathan S. told the California Lottery.

He says he then found the *Mega Millions* ticket in his car and realized he'd won.

*Am/pm 1800 W Artesia Blvd., Torrance. Courtesy: Google*

"I checked the numbers and went 'holy cow!' I called my wife, and she was freaking out and crying," said Jonathan S. "I told her the ticket was in a safe place in my pocket and she said, 'no way, I'm coming to get it,' and she put it into our safe deposit box."

Jonathan S. came close to winning a massive amount of money. Had he matched Mega number 4 as well, he would have hit the estimated \$218 million jackpot. But he's not letting that bother him at all.

"What's crazy is I got five numbers correct, and it was on a Quick Pick. I didn't even play my usual numbers. It happened at a convenience store, and it was convenient," Jonathan S. described with a laugh.

*Mega Millions* draws happen every Tuesday and Friday night. Tomorrow's top prize is estimated at \$91 million. As the jackpot continues to grow, so is the amount of money California Lottery is raising for public schools. For every \$2 *Mega Millions* ticket sold in the Golden State, approximately 80 cents goes to supplement public education.

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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 \$2.07 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 \$8.85 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.*

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