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JACKPOT! Small-Town Ticket Wins Big Prize

SACRAMENTO – A lucky California Lottery player who bought a *SuperLotto Plus*® ticket in the small Northern California town of Fortuna overcame big odds for Wednesday night's draw, matching all six numbers to win the \$15 million jackpot!

The winning numbers are 2, 3, 16, 25, 41 and Mega Ball 12. The winning ticket was sold at the Shell station on Riverwalk Drive just off Highway 101 in Fortuna, which is in Humboldt County. The gas station will get a bonus of \$75,000.

Players bought nearly <u>95,000 winning tickets</u> at various prize levels across California for last night's draw. The California Lottery is incredibly appreciative of its players who support Lottery's mission to raise extra funds for public education throughout all 58 counties. The Lottery has generated more than \$41.5 billion for the state's public schools – kindergarten through the university level – since the first ticket was sold in 1985. Just recently, for the first time in California Lottery history, the Lottery raised a <u>record of more than \$2.07 billion for education</u> in one year alone.

The Lottery will not know who last night's jackpot-winner is until they <u>come forward to claim</u> their prize. *SuperLotto Plus* jackpot winners have 180 days from the date of the draw to claim. Claim forms are available on the California Lottery <u>website</u>, at Lottery's <u>nine offices</u> across the state, or at any of the more than <u>23,000 California Lottery retail partners</u>.

SuperLotto Plus draws happen twice weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$1 each, and approximately 40 cents of each ticket sold goes to 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.