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### ***One Player's Stop at a Taco Truck Leads to Delicious \$1 Million Scratchers® Prize***

*Plus Four Additional Scratchers Winners Join the CA Lottery Millionaires Club*

**SACRAMENTO** – After returning home from a trip overseas, Tim Dynes said his wife was hungry and wanted tacos, so they stopped at their favorite taco truck in Patterson (Stanislaus County).



After placing their order, Dynes did what he says he always does whenever they stop at this taco truck. He walked across the way to a gas station mini mart and picked up a couple of California Lottery Scratchers tickets.

Little did he know his life was about to change. He walked back to the truck and scratched the games while waiting for his food.

Much to his delight, and shock – when he uncovered the last box on the fourth row of his *Diamond 8's* game, staring him in the face was the number 17 and in bold numbers: **\$1,000,000**.

Because his order was not ready, he had to stand next to the taco truck and continue to wait while trying to keep his composure. Not surprisingly, he said it was not easy.

“Do you know how hard it was to keep a straight face? Nobody knew I won – not even my wife until I told her on the drive home,” Dynes told the California Lottery. California Lottery’s latest millionaire said he’d previously won prizes in the hundreds but had never hit it big until now.

The owner of G’s Food Mart also earned a \$5,000 bonus for selling Dynes that lucky ticket.

Dynes isn’t the only California Lottery player with something to celebrate. Janie Torres won the top prize of \$1 million playing a *Show Me \$1,000,000* Scratchers game. That lucky ticket was sold at Village Liquor & More on Holman Road in Stockton.

Wendy Ake Bautista also scored \$1 million after winning the top prize on an *Xtreme Multiplier* Scratchers. It was purchased at Los Primos Gift Shop in San Francisco.

Carl Phillips became an instant millionaire after winning the top prize of \$1 million, playing a *Diamond 8's* Scratchers. He bought his winning ticket at Fast & Easy Mart in Livermore.

Rounding out California Lottery's newest millionaires is Ivan Gonzalez Gamboa. He also won a top prize of \$1 million, playing a *Cloud 9* Scratchers. He bought his winning ticket at SBC Liquors on Grimmer Blvd. in Fremont (Alameda County).

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