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JACKPOT! Powerball® Ticket Sold in Southern California Wins \$44.3 Million

SACRAMENTO – For the second time this month, someone hit the *Powerball* jackpot, matching all six numbers in Monday night's draw to win the grand prize. This time, the lucky ticket came from California, and whomever bought it now has a year to come forward to claim the \$44.3 million prize. The <u>winning numbers</u> are 1, 2, 15, 23, 28, and 10.

The winning ticket was sold at Ralphs on Golden Lantern in Dana Point. This is the second big win in less than a week for Orange County players. Just this past Friday night, a <u>lucky ticket</u> sold in Newport Coast won more than a million bucks in the *Mega Millions* draw.

Last night's draw marked the seventh time the *Powerball* jackpot has been won this year. The California Lottery will not know who the winner is until they <u>claim their prize</u>. The jackpot has a cash value of \$21.9 million. The Ralphs that sold the ticket will earn a bonus of more than \$220,000.

California Lottery players have another opportunity to try their hand at striking it rich tonight. The *Mega Millions* jackpot currently stands at an estimated \$498 million for tonight's draw.

For each *Powerball* and *Mega Millions* ticket sold in California, approximately 80 cents helps fund public education, the sole mission of the California Lottery.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. The California Lottery has raised more than \$43.8 billion for public schools through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight draw games and dozens of new instant Scratchers games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found here.
California Lottery is also committed to promoting responsible gaming. Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.

