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# Walmart Worker Gets Called Into Work on Her Day Off – Drives Home a California Lottery Scratchers® Millionaire!

*The California Lottery Unveils 5 More New Million-Dollar Winners*

**SACRAMENTO** – Rebeca Gonzalez said she wasn't particularly thrilled to get a last-minute call to work the following day at her job at an L.A. County Walmart.



“It was Labor Day and they only needed me for three hours. I wanted to obviously be home with my family because we planned to barbecue,” Gonzalez told the California Lottery.

Looking back, she can laugh because it was all worth it. That's because, after her shift, Gonzalez bought a *Single Double Triple* Scratchers game from a California Lottery vending machine. She wound up becoming an instant millionaire, winning the \$1 million top prize on a \$10 investment.

“I'd planned on buying one on my break, but it was so busy I totally forgot. I didn't remember I was going to buy a Scratchers until I left for the night and passed by the machines,” Gonzalez explained with a laugh. “I couldn't believe it!”

Gonzalez says she's finally been able to pay off all her debt, and now she and her husband are closing on a new home. Despite her newfound fortune, Gonzalez said she's still putting in her hours at Walmart.

“I've only told one person at work, and it was the manager who wanted me to stay

late on a holiday,” Gonzalez shared. “He couldn't believe it.”



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The Walmart in City of Industry wins as well, receiving a \$5,000 bonus for selling Gonzalez her lucky ticket.

Gonzalez isn't the only California Lottery winner enjoying a newfound fortune. The following three winners also have an extra \$1 million in the bank after hitting the top prize playing *\$1M Ultimate Cash* Scratchers:

**Wayne Sims'** lucky ticket was purchased at Pearl Market on Divisadero Street in San Francisco.

**Alex Vela** has a million reasons to celebrate stopping at Circus Liquors in North Hollywood where that ticket was sold.

**Robert Befriends** rounds out the trio of *\$1M Ultimate Cash* winners, taking home a ticket from Palma Liquor in La Palma.

Rounding out today's big winner announcement from the California Lottery is **R. Abrahamian**, who won the top \$1 million prize on a *Multiplier Craze* Scratchers game that came from the 7-Eleven on Burbank Blvd. and N. Buena Vista Street in Burbank.

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