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### ***Five Players Strike \$1 Million Wins – Including One “Best Birthday Gift Ever”***

#### *Scratchers® and Power 10's Scratchers Winners Celebrate*

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Lottery is announcing the latest wave of million-dollar Scratchers winners across the state, including **Latreice Presentine**, who won a \$1 million top prize with a [50X The Cash Scratchers](#) game. A highlight to the lucky moment? She picked up the winning ticket on the day before her birthday.

Presentine, a longtime California Lottery player whose biggest win until now was \$1,000, purchased her ticket in August at Sweet Time Donuts, 624 E. Compton Blvd. in Compton. It is a regular stop on her morning commute into Los Angeles.

“I always go to this donut shop and buy two \$10 Scratchers every morning,” Presentine says. “The second one I scratched had a matching number, and underneath it was \$1,000,000.”

She stared at the ticket in shock.

“I couldn’t believe it,” recalled Presentine, “I kept looking and looking at the ticket, and I was like, ‘God, for real God? This is how you’re doing me a day before my birthday?’”

Presentine immediately called her older brother, who also enjoys playing Scratchers. He didn’t believe her until she texted him a photo of the ticket. After scanning it and confirming the prize, she filed her claim.

Latreice plans to pay off some debt, purchase a car, and put a down payment on a house.

In addition to Presentine’s win, four more lucky players claimed \$1 million prizes from the California Lottery:

- **Salamawit Belete** uncovered the top prize on their *50X The Cash* purchased from 7-Eleven at 7460 Brentwood Blvd. in Brentwood.
- **Johann Guzman** won big with a *50X The Cash* picked up at the Arco, 988 N. San Antonio Road in Los Altos.
- **Constantino Chavez** played and won with a *Power 10's* sold by Florence Donuts, 1242 E. Florence Ave. in Los Angeles.



- **Miguel Maldonado** scratched the top prize with a *Power 10's* from the Arco in Oxnard at 1850 S. Rose Avenue.

## ***Reminder to Have Fun and Play Safely***

The California Lottery is excited about the buzz surrounding all big winners and growing jackpot prizes, but also reminds players to play responsibly. Lottery games are designed for entertainment and are never a financial plan.

Support is available. Professional counselors available around the clock via the Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER, texting SUPPORT to 53342, or chatting online at [800gambler.chat](https://800gambler.chat).

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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 \$48 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](#). As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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