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## Mega Millions Rolls to \$223 Million

**TRENTON (Dec. 18, 2017)** – Carole Hedinger, New Jersey Lottery executive director, announced that while there were no winners of the Mega Millions jackpot, second or third-tier prizes for the Friday, Dec. 15 drawing, 22 players matched four of the five white balls drawn making each ticket worth \$500. Two of those tickets were purchased with the Megaplier option, multiplying the prize to \$2,000. Moreover, 29,669 other New Jersey players took home \$135,670 in prizes ranging from \$2 to \$800, according to Hedinger. The winning numbers were: 04, 12, 36, 44 and 57. The Gold Mega Ball was 19, and the Megaplier Multiplier was 04.

"Congratulations to the lottery winners and to the retailers that sold the winning tickets," said Hedinger. "For selling the winning tickets, the retailers have become many more Lottery 'lucky locations' overnight."

The next drawing will be held Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 11:00 pm. All New Jersey Lottery Mega Millions tickets must be purchased before 10:45 pm to participate in the drawing. Mega Millions tickets cost just two dollars; by adding the Megaplier option for an extra dollar per play, players can increase their non-jackpot winnings up to five times. Mega Millions tickets are sold in 46 participating jurisdictions. Drawings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays.

View all New Jersey Lottery game winning numbers and drawings for the Pick-3, Pick-4, Jersey Cash 5, Pick-6, CASH4LIFE and 5 Card Cash games on the Lottery website (<a href="www.NJLottery.com">www.NJLottery.com</a>) or on the official Lottery Facebook Page. Midday and evening draws, with the exception of CASH4LIFE and 5 Card Cash, can be seen on WPIX-TV (PIX11) in New York and WPHL-TV (PHL17) in Philadelphia. Powerball and Mega Millions drawings can be seen on WABC-TV or WTXF stations.

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