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A Million Dollar Surprise in Brick Township!

TRENTON (Aug. 16, 2018) – The Powerball jackpot for the January 6th drawing had rolled over to a record \$559.7 million and Michael Mastroserio of Brick had his eyes on the big prize, so he picked up a few tickets for that evening's drawing. The next day, Michael found out that the jackpot was hit in New Hampshire, but he knew there were a lot of other prizes besides the jackpot that could have been won. So, he took his tickets to the retailer to check to find out if he just might have won one of the lower tier prizes. When he scanned his tickets, for one of them the screen read, "See attendant." Michael handed his ticket over to the retailer and when she put it through the terminal to validate it, she looked at him and said, "Congratulations, you won!"

"How much did I win?" he asked, unsure of what the prize could be. He definitely was not prepared for the clerk's statement that he had won the second-tier prize of \$1,000,000! A prize that big was way beyond Michael's expectation, so he didn't immediately respond, just taking a moment trying to soak in the good news. The biggest prize might have been won in another state, but Michael felt he had definitely "*hit the jackpot*" thanks to his ticket from the New Jersey Lottery. Michael and his family brought the ticket to Lottery Headquarters the very next business day to file the claim for their \$1,000,000 prize.

When asked if they had any plans for the prize, Michael said that some of it will go towards their children's college education and the rest will go into savings. His lucky ticket was purchased at Princeton Avenue Deli & Dairy on 300 Princeton Ave., Brick in Ocean County. Michael's ticket was one of two \$1,000,000 winning tickets sold in New Jersey for the January 6th drawing.

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