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Press Conference Held at Mercer County 7-Eleven Store that Sold the \$429.6 Million POWERBALL Jackpot Winning Ticket

TRENTON, NJ – (May 9, 2016) – Carole Hedinger, New Jersey Lottery executive director, held a press conference at the 7-Eleven store, 750 Chambers Street, Trenton in Mercer County, to introduce and congratulate the store owner, Andrea Shin. Director Hedinger presented her with a ceremonial check for \$30,000 representing the bonus commission the store will receive for selling the jackpot winning Powerball ticket from the Saturday, May 7 drawing.

“Congratulations to 7-Eleven and to Andrea Shin for selling this winning ticket. The win has made this local Trenton 7-Eleven a very popular place. It is now known around the country as a very lucky location,” Hedinger said. “We are thrilled that the New Jersey Lottery brand can assist our state’s business owners, large and small, with brand building by offering Lottery products that encourage consumer traffic in their stores.”

“I am so excited that the winning ticket was sold at our store,” Andrea Shin said. “I am excited for the person and that something positive is happening for the Trenton community.”

“We are looking forward to meeting the fortunate ticketholder who purchased this life changing ticket,” Hedinger said. “Since Lottery headquarters is so close to the retail location at which the ticket was purchased, I encourage the winner(s) to bring the signed ticket to us for validation and safekeeping. Then he/she can take time in deciding how to proceed with the claim.”

The \$429.6 million annuity prize was the largest jackpot prize ever won by a single New Jersey Lottery ticket. The ticket was purchased as a cash payout and is valued at \$284 million. The player purchased one board for the Wednesday, May 4 drawing and one board for the Saturday, May 7 drawing.

New Jersey had many winners from the final Powerball draw. There were 171,567 fixed-prize New Jersey winners from the draw, eligible to claim a total of \$814,888. In addition there were two \$50,000 tickets sold that matched the four white balls and the Powerball. The \$50,000 winning tickets were sold at:

- United Check Cashing, 239 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield in Essex County and
- Beckman’s Stationery, 704 10th Ave., Belmar in Monmouth County.

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Retailers earned commissions totaling \$2.143 million for the entire 19 draw run. The state, on behalf of the Lottery beneficiaries, will receive an estimated contribution of \$17.1 million from 19 draw roll.

“This is an amazing win for New Jersey, the lucky ticket holders and the retailers” Hedinger said. “The revenue generated from this draw and all of the New Jersey Lottery games, support vital programs and institutions that serve New Jersey residents across the state.”

According to Powerball spokesperson, Kelly Cripe, there were more than \$147.9 million in Powerball tickets sold across the country. In addition, there was an additional \$10 million played for the Power Play multiplier.

The winning numbers for the Saturday, May 7 drawing were: 05, 25, 26, 44, 66. The Red POWERBALL number was 09. The Multiplier was 02. The POWERBALL jackpot resets to **\$40,000,000** for the next drawing to be held **Wednesday, May 11** at 11:00 pm. Watch live drawings on the New Jersey Lottery’s website (NJLottery.net) or on our Official Facebook Page.

Watch New Jersey Lottery drawings for the Pick-3, Pick-4, Jersey Cash 5, Pick-6, CASH4LIFE from the Lottery website homepage (NJLottery.com), or on the official Lottery Facebook Page. **Midday and evening draws, with the exception of CASH4LIFE, 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 stations.**

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed nearly \$24 billion to the State in support of education and institutions. Among its beneficiaries are: veterans homes, colleges and universities, school nutrition programs, homes for the developmentally disabled, psychiatric hospitals, higher education scholarship programs and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

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