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Group Lottery Play May Ensure a Lottery Prize is Claimed

Thousands of Dollars of Prizes are Won with Each Powerball Drawing

TRENTON (May 10, 2017) – Elphine C. and Virgilio C. are good friends and they often purchase Lottery tickets together. They purchase a few tickets for a drawing when the jackpot is large. Elphine is also a Pick-4 fan and plays as often as she can. "I've played my birthday and won - but it was a long time ago."

Elphine purchased five game boards for the February 15 Powerball drawing, when the jackpot hit \$317 million, for the two of them to share. The rule is that when they purchase shared tickets, the one who buys the ticket will send a photo of it to the other, and she had done just that.

Carole Hedinger, NJ Lottery executive director said, "Sending ticket photos to all of the group play participants is a good example of a smart group play technique." For more tips on Group Play, follow the link to the Lottery website. [Group Play Tips](#)



L-R, Friends, Virgilio C. and Elphine C., share the excitement of a big Lottery win.

After the Powerball drawing, Elphine had noticed that the jackpot increased. She assumed their ticket was not a winner and neglected to check the numbers against the ticket. Fortunately for the two, Virgilio did compare the drawn numbers with their ticket numbers, using the photo as reference. He realized that in fact they had a big winner.

Worried that she may have discarded the ticket, he confirmed with Elphine that she still had it. Luckily for them both, she did because it was a \$1,000,000 winning ticket. Their lucky retailer is Stop & Shop, 32 West Railroad Ave., Tenafly in Bergen County. Elphine and Virgilio are both New York residents residing in Rockland County.

When asked what they will do with their winnings, they each said they will do some home repairs.

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed nearly \$25 billion to the State in support of education and institutions.

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