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## Mega Millions Jackpot Hit in California Two New Jersey Players Win \$5,000

**TRENTON (Jan. 30, 2017)** – New Jersey Lottery Executive Director Carole Hedinger announced that a California State Lottery ticketholder won the \$188 million Mega Millions jackpot from the Friday, Jan. 27 drawing. The winning numbers for the Friday, Jan. 27 drawing were: 17, 37, 53, 54 and 61. The Gold Mega Ball was 08, and the Megaplier Multiplier was 03. Two New Jersey Lottery ticket holders win \$5,000 each for matching the four out of five white balls and the Gold Mega Ball. Those tickets were purchased at the following locations:

- Hudson County: Journal Square Convenience, 46 Journal Square, Jersey City; and
- Middlesex County: Quick Stop & Go, 329 Inman Ave., Colonia.

If those tickets had been purchased with the Megaplier option, it would have multiplied the prizes to \$15,000.

In addition, 22 New Jersey Lottery players matched four of the five white balls making each ticket worth \$500. One of those tickets was purchased with the Megaplier option, multiplying the prize to \$1,500. Moreover, 114,664 other New Jersey players took home \$195,503 in prizes ranging from \$1 to \$150, according to Hedinger.

"Congratulations to the lottery winners and to the retailers that sold all of those 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, Jan. 31 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 one dollar; by adding the Megaplier option for an extra dollar per play, players can increase their non-jackpot winnings up to five times.

Powerball and Mega Millions drawings can be seen on WABC-TV stations. Mega Millions tickets are sold in 46 participating jurisdictions. Drawings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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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 stations.

## **ABOUT THE LOTTERY**

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed more than \$24.8 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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