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New Jersey Lottery Player Claimed \$1,000,000 Powerball Prize

TRENTON (Jan. 31, 2017) – Charles Covington, a truck driver from Woodbridge in Middlesex County, enjoys playing Powerball every week. To ensure that he doesn't miss a draw, Covington purchases advance play tickets for the month. His ticket for the Saturday, January 28 drawing matched all five of the white balls drawn, but not the Powerball, winning the \$1,000,000 second-tier prize.

The thrill of the win began on Sunday, when Covington scanned his ticket with the NJ Lottery app on his phone, to check if he won. The app returned a winning message, but did not reveal the prize amount. He went to the store expecting to claim a few dollars. When the retailer checked the ticket and told Covington that he had just won \$1,000,000, he screamed out loud in excitement. According to Covington, he will never forget that moment, it was truly life-changing for him.

Covington clutched his ticket tightly all day Sunday and got no sleep as he stared at it on his nightstand overnight into Monday. First thing Monday morning, Covington showed up at Lottery Headquarters to validate his ticket and confirm the win.

Covington plans to save most of his winnings for retirement, but he will also purchase a new car. His lucky retailer is Woodbridge Raceway, 87 West Pond Rd., Woodbridge Twp. in Middlesex County. The Powerball jackpot rolls to \$206,000,000 for the next drawing to be held Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 10:59 pm.

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

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