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Million-Dollar Powerball Ticket 'Burns Hole' in Marshalltown Man's Pocket

A Marshalltown man said that he carried a \$1 million-winning Powerball ticket around in his wallet for two days without realizing he'd won a big prize.

"I got off work today and went into the convenience store next to where I work to have them check my tickets and buy some more because I heard nobody had won the jackpot," Ricky Rushton said. "And they said I won \$1 million!"



Marshalltown's Ricky Rushton is thrilled to receive a large ceremonial check from Lottery CEO Terry Rich as Rushton claimed his \$1 million Powerball prize.

Rushton, 48, who works overnight in the cafeteria at the Swift & Co. pork-processing plant in Marshalltown, said he hadn't heard there was a big winner until he got to the c-store after his shift.

"The clerk said, 'I can't cash this.' At this point, I didn't know," Rushton said. "He handed it back to me. I saw a 1 and a 0 on there and I thought I won \$10. I said, 'You've got to be kidding me. You can't cash a \$10 ticket?' He told me I'd better look at it again. And I started seeing more zeroes."

"You can't win if you don't play, now this is proof."

— Ricky Rushton

Rushton was the only player in the country to win a \$1 million prize in the Feb. 21 Powerball drawing. His ticket matched the first five numbers but missed the Powerball in that \$130.4 million jackpot drawing to win a \$200,000 prize. But, Rushton also had added the Power Play® option to his winning ticket, which multiplied the prize to \$1 million.

"You can't win if you don't play, now this is proof," Rushton said.

He joked as he claimed his prize that he should have known he'd won a big prize.

"Something was burning a hole in my pocket, I didn't know what!" he said.

Rushton bought his \$1 million-winning ticket at the Kwik Star at 810 S. Third Ave. in Marshalltown, where he said he stops several times a week.

Action Briefs

Answers To Common Lottery Questions...

If I won Powerball, how would I get paid?

If you won the Powerball jackpot, you'd have 60 days following the date of ticket validation to decide whether to collect the prize with the annuity or cash option. If you chose the annuity, you'd receive one payment about 15 days after the drawing date followed by 29 annual payments funded by an annuity. Since the Multi-State Lottery Association purchases an annuity to fund the payments, the exact amount you receive depends on current interest rates. If you selected the cash option, you'd receive a single cash payment amount that is determined by the actual sales for this grand prize. The cash prize is estimated to be approximately one-half of the estimated annuitized jackpot, depending on current interest rates. The cash prize is less than the annuitized prize because the entire amount is paid in one check about two weeks after the drawing. The cash doesn't sit in the bank and accrue interest like the annuity does. If you don't choose a payment option within 60 days of ticket validation, the jackpot is paid as an annuity.

Game End and Validation End Dates

		Official Game End	Valid. Period Ends
564	Cool 7's	12/15/08	3/16/09
565	Gold 7's	12/15/08	3/16/09
574	Merry Money	12/15/08	3/16/09
578	2008 Doubler!	12/15/08	3/16/09

544	\$250,000 Luck of the Draw	1/6/09	4/6/09
560	Trump Card	1/6/09	4/6/09
567	Midwest Millions	1/6/09	4/6/09
568	King of Cash	1/6/09	4/6/09

Other important dates are listed on the back of this issue.

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Rushton was accompanied to the lottery by his boss, Monte Eaton, who was one of the first people he called to share the good news. Rushton joked that Eaton's hands were steadier than his, so he let him do the driving.

Eaton said he initially thought Rushton was joking around, but quickly learned he was telling the truth.

"I wasn't sure right in that instance. I had to call him back to make sure he wasn't pulling my leg," Eaton said. "It's a good thing that he won it. I'm really happy for him. It's great."

Rushton, who admitted he's a bit of a jokester, said he's having some trouble getting people to believe him about the big news. Even his wife thought he was kidding.

"She didn't believe me, just like everybody else I've told so far — you're kidding me and stuff like that until I show them the actual ticket," he said. "Then they're more in shock than I am, actually."

When the Powerball game was redesigned in January, one of the changes made was specifically for the prize players win if, like Rushton, they match the first five numbers and have added the Power Play to their tickets. The prize for that play is always \$1 million, no matter what the Power Play number is for that drawing.

Terry Rich, CEO of the Iowa Lottery, said he was thrilled to see another big Powerball winner in Iowa.

"Powerball means the chance to dream — and now we've got another player who will get to live that dream," he said.

Rushton's \$1 million Powerball prize is the second claimed in Iowa this winter. In late December, a Marion couple won a \$1 million Powerball prize with a ticket they purchased in Swisher.

Rushton said he has several plans for his winnings.

"I'd like to be debt-free," he said. "We're living in an apartment right now, I'd like to get into a house. And then put the rest of it away and save for retirement." 🐾

Scratch Games End When Last Top Prize is Claimed

Periodically the lottery must notify retailers that a scratch game's last top prize has been claimed and that they must pull the game from their dispensers.

The lottery's decision to pull a scratch game is out of fairness to all players: if the last top prize in a game has been claimed, players no longer have a chance at a top prize if they buy a ticket.

We appreciate the effort retailers put forth when they must pull a game from their dispensers and get them to their DSR for pickup. Retailers have done an excellent job removing tickets over the years.

What Happens When the Last Top Prize Is Claimed?

Some retailers may not be familiar with what goes on behind the scenes at the lottery as



The last top prizes were claimed in the "Winning in 3's" and "Blazing 8's" scratch games in February and the lottery ended both games.

we track sales of instant games through our computer system. When a particular scratch game's last top prize is claimed, our computer automatically generates a message that's sent to all retailers' lotto terminals telling them to pull the game from their dispensers. Our goal is to have all remaining tickets from that game collected by our DSRs within a week.

How to Retrieve a Message

It might be helpful for retailers to review the procedure for retrieving a message from the lotto terminal in case it happens on their shift. When the last top prize for a scratch game is claimed, a message is dispatched through the lotto terminal. When a message comes through the terminal, it makes a noise like a ringing telephone. Retailers should then touch the icon on the screen to retrieve and print the message.

Tips for Making the Ticket Retrieval Process Easier:

- Make sure clerks are aware of what to do when a message is generated by the lotto terminal about a last top prize being claimed.
- It's very helpful if a retailer has someone available to remove tickets from a safe if they store some there.
- It's also important to check the game number carefully so the proper tickets are removed from the dispensers. 🐾

IOWA LOTTERY GAME INFORMATION

As of March 9, 2009

Game	Start Date
498	\$35 MIL. CASH SPECTACULAR 01/09/06
514	TWICE LUCKY 01/08/07
515	CROSSWORD-Newsprint 03/05/07
555	CLASSIC BINGO-Orange/Blue 04/16/07
570	SET FOR LIFE 06/25/07
571	WINNING IN 3'S-Blue 10/08/07
572	DEAL OR NO DEAL 10/08/07
573	COOKIE DOUGH 11/05/07
579	CASH ON THE SPOT 12/17/07
582	FIRE & DICE 01/07/08
583	SKEE BUCKS 01/07/08
584	\$50 GRAND 01/07/08
580	CROSSWORD-Purple/Pink 01/07/08
585	FUZZY DICE 01/28/08
586	HIGH FIVES 02/18/08
587	BANKROLL 02/18/08
588	ACES HIGH 03/10/08
589	ONE LUCKY NUMBER 03/10/08
593	7'S BINGO-Red/Blue 03/24/08
591	SPRING FLING 03/31/08
592	BINGO TIMES 10-Orange/Green 03/31/08
590	PINBALL - Yellow/Red 04/21/08
594	DRIVE FOR SHOW/ PUTT FOR DOUGH 04/21/08
600	INDIANA JONES™ 04/21/08
595	SUPER DEUCES 05/12/08
597	DOUBLE OR NOTHING 05/12/08
605	TWISTER™ 05/12/08
598	LUCKY WHEEL 06/02/08
599	SUMMER DAZE 06/02/08
601	DEAL OR NO DEAL™ 06/02/08
602	A DAY AT THE FAIR 06/23/08
596	SUDOKU 07/14/08
603	STARS & STRIPES 07/14/08
604	EXTREME GREEN 07/14/08
606	IN THE CHIPS 08/04/08
607	BLAZING 8'S 08/04/08
608	WINNING SEASON 08/25/08
609	WILD 1 09/15/08
610	HOT HAND 09/15/08
611	MIDWEST MILLIONS 09/15/08
613	FAST JACKS 10/06/08
614	WINNER WONDERLAND 10/27/08
615	BAH HUMBUCKS 10/27/08
616	HOLIDAY RICHES 10/27/08
618	CANDY CANE CROSSWORD 10/27/08
617	IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE 11/03/08
619	STOCKING STUFFER 11/17/08
620	HEADS OR TAILS 12/15/08
622	SNOW BIRDS 12/29/08
621	DOUBLE OR NOTHING 01/05/09
624	4 WAY CASH 01/05/09
623	ANTE-UP 01/05/09
625	FREEDOM RINGS 01/26/09
627	CHERRY TWIST 01/26/09
635	DOUBLE PAYDAY 01/26/09
626	DOUBLE WILD 7'S 02/16/09
633	EZ GRAND 02/16/09
628	ACES & 8'S 03/09/09
629	GOIN' GREEN 03/09/09

ENDING SCRATCH GAMES

Game	Start Date	Last Date to Pay Prizes
564	COOL 7'S 08/06/07	03/16/09
565	GOLD 7'S 08/06/07	03/16/09
574	MERRY MONEY 11/05/07	03/16/09
578	2008 DOUBLER! 11/26/07	03/16/09
544	\$250,000 LUCK OF THE DRAW 01/29/07	04/06/09
560	TRUMP CARD 06/11/07	04/06/09
567	MIDWEST MILLIONS 09/10/07	04/06/09
568	KING OF CASH 09/17/07	04/06/09



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Iowa Lottery	Lotto Game Information			
	Drawing Days	Sales Cutoff Time	Approx. Drawing Time	Approx. Allowed Cashing Time
Hot Lotto	Wednesday and Saturday	7:59 p.m.	9:40 p.m.	11:45 p.m.
\$100,000 Cash Game	Monday through Saturday	6:18 p.m.	6:28 p.m.	6:40 p.m.
Pick 3 and Pick 4 Midday	Monday through Saturday	12:30 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Pick 3 and Pick 4 Evening	Sunday through Saturday	7:59 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	9:40 p.m.
Powerball	Wednesday and Saturday	7:59 p.m.	9:59 p.m.	11:40 p.m.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call 1-800-BETS OFF.
You must be at least 21 years old to purchase lottery tickets.