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MEGA MILLIONS JACKPOT SOARS TO \$418 MILLION

Two big chances to win jaw-dropping jackpots!!

TRENTON (Jan. 3, 2018) – With no jackpot winner in last night's Mega Millions drawing, lottery players have more chances to win sky high jackpots this week – tonight's Powerball jackpot stands at \$440 million and Friday's Mega Millions jackpot has jumped up to \$418 million. "Get out there and get in the games," said New Jersey Lottery Acting Executive Director John M. White. "This is a chance to start 2018 as a "Multi-Millionaire" if you win tonight's Powerball jackpot and to become a "Mega Millionaire" if you win both tonight and Friday's Mega Millions jackpot. It's a long shot, but **Anything Can Happen in Jersey!**"

Although there were no Mega Millions game jackpot or second-tier New Jersey prizewinners, there were two third-tier prizewinning tickets sold that matched four of the five white balls and the Gold Mega Ball drawn winning the \$10,000 prize. Those tickets were purchased with the Megaplier option, multiplying the prize to \$40,000. Those tickets were purchased at the following locations:

- Camden County: Speedy Mart, 123 South Whitehorse Pike, Berlin; and
- Hudson County: Peter's Grocery & Deli, 50 South St., Jersey City.

The winning numbers for the Tuesday, Jan. 2 drawing were: 01, 42, 47, 64 and 70. The Gold Mega Ball was 22, and the Megaplier Multiplier was 04.

In addition, 56 other players matched four of the five white balls drawn making each ticket worth \$500. Six of those tickets were purchased with the Megaplier option, multiplying the prize to \$2,000. Moreover, 96,840 other New Jersey players took home \$392,324 in prizes ranging from \$2 to \$800, according to White.

"Congratulations to the lottery winners and to the retailers that sold the winning tickets," said White. "For selling the winning tickets, the retailers have become many more Lottery 'lucky locations' overnight."

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The next drawing will be held Friday, Jan. 5 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 two dollars; by adding the Megaplier option for an extra dollar per play, players can increase their non-jackpot winnings up to five times. Mega Millions tickets are sold in 46 participating jurisdictions. Drawings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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 (www.NJLottery.com) 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 or WTXF stations.

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