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## \$120 Million Winning Mega Millions Ticket Claimed by Racine Man

Ticket Purchased at Mount Pleasant Kwik Trip

MADISON, Wis. - A lucky Wisconsin Lottery winner, Adrian Tongson of Racine, claimed his \$120 Million (\$95.4 Million cash) Mega Millions jackpot on November 10. Kwik Trip #134 on 4924 Spring St. in Mount Pleasant sold the winning ticket for the September 15 drawing.

Tongson is a regular *Mega Millions* player who stated, "Regardless of how much you spend, it only takes one ticket to win. That's what won it for me." Tongson, who didn't realize he won the jackpot until checking his ticket weeks after the drawing, guit his job and is making plans for his winnings.

This win is Wisconsin's first Mega Millions jackpot since Wisconsin debuted the game on January 31, 2010. Wisconsin has still had big Mega Millions winners though, with 64 \$1 Million winning tickets purchased in the state since 2010. "I'm simply thrilled for Adrian! As a loyal Lottery player, he certainly is a perfect first Mega Millions jackpot winner for our state," said Wisconsin Lottery Director Cindy Polzin. "Congratulations go to our retail partner Kwik Trip for selling the lucky ticket!"

This Mega Millions jackpot win is Mount Pleasant Kwik Trip's #134's first big Lottery win. Since 2017, Kwik Trips throughout the state have sold nine winning Lottery tickets worth \$1 Million or more. "We are proud to be a Wisconsin Lottery partner and excited for our customer who purchased this lucky ticket. Kwik Trip will receive \$100,000 for selling the ticket so we are delighted for our coworkers who share in our profits," said John McHugh, Kwik Trip Director of Public Relations.



Pictured left to right: Selia Kleine (District Leader at Kwik Trip), Peter Barca (Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary), Cindy Polzin (Wisconsin Lottery Director), Jill Ricker (Mount Pleasant Kwik Trip Store Leader), June Schultz (Mount Pleasant Kwik Trip Store Leader), Steve Wrobel (Kwik Trip Public Relations). \$119 Million was the advertised, estimated jackpot amount while \$120 Million was the final annuity amount.

State taxes collected on prizes \$2,000 and up are 7.65 percent of the winning ticket. "For a big win like this, there is an extra win for Wisconsin taxpayers," said Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca. "The state tax collected on the winning *Mega Millions* ticket totals about \$7.3 Million, so taxpayers are winning too."

Tongson's ticket had the winning numbers of 25, 28, 38, 59, 62 and the Mega Ball number 22.

Choosing the cash option of approximately \$95.4 Million, Tongson took home about \$65.2 Million after federal and state taxes.

<u>Mega Millions</u> tickets are \$2 per play. Tickets are sold in 45 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Mega Millions drawings are Tuesday and Friday at 9:59 p.m. Tickets must be purchased before 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday to be included in that day's drawing. **The overall odds of winning the** Mega Millions jackpot are 1 in 302,575,350.

## ABOUT THE WISCONSIN LOTTERY

The Wisconsin Lottery enriches communities statewide by giving back 93 percent of its revenue to winners, retailers, and Wisconsin homeowners. Of each dollar spent on the Wisconsin Lottery, 57 cents goes back to prizes, 30 cents to property tax credits, seven cents to operations, and six cents to retailers.

Since 1988, the Wisconsin Lottery has generated:

- More than \$15.3 Billion in total revenue
- Over \$8.7 Billion in prizes paid
- More than \$4.6 Billion in funding for property tax credits to eligible Wisconsin homeowners

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