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Hartland man talks turkey about winning \$2.9 million Megabucks jackpot



(Madison) —For David Schmitt of Hartland winning the lottery was easier than bagging a turkey. Or a turkey hunting license, at least.

“The DNR’s computer system wasn’t working and I was getting tired of standing in line for my turkey permit,” Schmitt told Wisconsin Lottery staff today. So I stepped over to the register and said, ‘May as well give me a \$5 Megabucks quick pick.’”

Schmitt left the PDQ Food Store, N67 W27666 Moraine Drive in Sussex, without his turkey license, but with a lottery ticket that proved to be the winner in the \$2.9 million Megabucks drawing on March 29. The Lottery validated that winning ticket on Friday.

Schmitt chose the \$2.9 million jackpot’s cash-option lump sum prize of \$1,743,304. After taxes, Schmitt will receive \$1,189,804.

The only thing the 51-year-old construction worker knows he is going to do next is break the news to the rest of the family. For more than a week only Schmitt, his wife, his father, and his attorney have known about the winning ticket.

Schmitt has declined to hold a news conference.

For selling the \$2.9 million winning ticket PDQ earns a \$58,000 commission from the Lottery. Lottery retailers that sell winning tickets with prizes of \$600 or more earn the equivalent of 2% of the prize value, up to a maximum commission of \$100,000.

The Saturday, March 29 winning Megabucks numbers were **10, 12, 13, 29, 38 and 44.**