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## Mequon man claims \$2.27 million Megabucks jackpot

Bought his \$1 winning quick pick ticket in Brookfield



(Madison)— **Paul Sims of Mequon** doesn't play the Lottery all the time, but he sure picked a good time to spend \$1 on a Wisconsin Lottery Megabucks ticket. Sims wound up with the only winning jackpot ticket in the Saturday, June 19 Megabucks drawing and today he validated that ticket, worth \$2.27 million, at the Lottery's headquarters in Madison.

Sims elected to take the jackpot's one-time, lump-sum cash option worth \$1.36 million. After taxes, he will receive \$920,000.

Sims declined the opportunity to publicly discuss his good fortune at a check presentation news conference.

The June 19 winning Megabucks numbers were 29, 40, 43, 44, 48 and 49.

Sims bought his winning ticket at Dennis Mobil Mart, 14035 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield. For selling that ticket the store earns a \$45,000 commission from the Lottery. Lottery retailers who sell winning tickets with prizes of \$600 or more earn the equivalent of 2% of the prize, up to a maximum commission of \$100,000.

There have now been 69 Megabucks jackpot tickets worth \$360 million since the game began in 1992. The last Megabucks jackpot winner was Al Mohrbacher, Jr. of Racine. Mohrbacher won \$7.5 million on March 27, 2010.

Megabucks is played only in Wisconsin, with drawings every Wednesday and Saturday. Jackpots begin at \$1 million and grow based on sales. Players receive two plays for \$1 and win the jackpot by matching the six winning numbers drawn. The odds of winning the Megabucks jackpot are 1:7 million.