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## Million dollar Marshfield winner says family comes first



(Marshfield) —Rafael Ruiz Jr. of Marshfield made history as Wisconsin's first \$1 million Power Play winner, but he told a news conference today in Marshfield that what he really hopes to do is make a positive difference for his family.

Ruiz bought a ticket for the Wisconsin Lottery's May 30 Powerball drawing at Baltus Car Wash, 539 S. Central Ave. in Marshfield. His ticket matched all five regular winning Powerball numbers—good for a \$200,000 cash prize--but because he also purchased Powerball's Power Play prize multiplier feature, his \$200,000 prize was *automatically* multiplied by five, making him a \$1 million winner.

Ruiz was the only Powerball player in the country who did it. He told reporters today that he understands how lucky he is, and that he is determined to make good decisions with his unexpected windfall.

"I don't want to rush into anything," he said. "I don't want to make mistakes. This money is important to my family so I'm going to be very careful and take some time to figure it out."

After taxes Ruiz receives a cash payment of \$682,500.

Today's news conference was held at the Baltus store in Marshfield where Ruiz bought his winning ticket. Before presenting Ruiz with his ceremonial \$1,000,000 check, Lottery director Mike Edmonds presented a winning ticket commission check to Frank Baltus of Baltus Oil. The company earned \$20,000—the equivalent of two percent of the \$1 million prize—for selling Ruiz his winning ticket.

Power Play is a feature of Powerball first introduced in 2001. For an additional \$1 for each set of Powerball numbers they purchase, players can multiply their non-jackpot prizes. Before each Powerball drawing a Power Play number from 2-5 is drawn. With a Power Play purchase, prizes of \$3 to \$10,000 are multiplied by the Power Play number that's drawn, but Powerball's \$200,000 prizes are automatically multiplied by five, making them worth \$1 million.