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Oconomowoc man won't ever forget his anniversary: it helped him win \$1 million



(Madison) —Eric Nelson of Oconomowoc has a great way of remembering his anniversary, and those of other family members: He uses them as his numbers when he plays Powerball.

On December 1, Nelson's special family numbers helped him win \$1 million in the Wisconsin Lottery's Powerball jackpot game.

Nelson bought a \$5 Powerball ticket with Powerball's Power Play prize multiplier at Speedway, 403 E. Wisconsin Avenue in Oconomowoc for the December 1 drawing. One set of numbers on his ticket matched all five regular winning numbers to land him a \$200,000 prize. But, because he had purchased Power Play, his \$200,000 prize was automatically multiplied by five. Nelson was a \$1 million winner.

Nelson validated his winning ticket this afternoon at the Lottery's headquarters in Madison. After taxes he received a single payment of \$672,500. The Oconomowoc warehouse worker told Lottery staff he will use some of the money for a college fund and to pay some bills. The rest he intends to save. Nelson declined to hold a news conference.

Power Play is a feature of Powerball that gives all non-jackpot winners a chance to multiply their prizes for an additional \$1 for each set of Powerball numbers they purchase. 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 selected Power Play number, but...all \$200,000 prizes are automatically multiplied by five, making them \$1 million prizes, regardless of the multiplier number that is drawn.

The December 1 winning Powerball numbers were 05, 10, 11, 12 and 20, with a Powerball of 2. The Power Play prize multiplier was 03.

For selling Nelson's \$1 million ticket, Speedway earns a \$20,000 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 of \$100,000.

Nelson's \$1 million dollar Power Play ticket was the fourth sold in Wisconsin this year.