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Wilmington man claims \$200,000 Powerball prize -“Carolina Cash 5” top prize jumps to \$377,000-

RALEIGH – Rodney Johnson of **Wilmington** was shocked when he realized that he had won \$200,000 by matching all five white balls but not the Power Ball in the Aug. 21 Powerball drawing. His take home prize, after taxes, is \$136,005. The ticket was purchased at Scotchman #180 on Pine Grove Road in Wilmington.

In the Powerball drawing held on Saturday, Aug. 28, a total of 28,215 players won prizes ranging from \$3 to \$400 for a total payout in prizes of \$228,788. Because no ticket matched all six balls in the drawing, the jackpot for the Wednesday, Sept. 1 drawing is \$34 million if taken as an annuity or \$19.2 million as a lump-sum payment.

A total of 16,755 North Carolina players won prizes in the Friday, Aug. 27 Mega Millions drawing, ranging from \$2 to \$40,000 for a total payout in prizes of \$172,074. One ticket matching all six balls in the drawing was sold in Morro Bay, California, and is worth an estimated \$133 million. One \$2 Megaplier ticket in North Carolina matched four white balls and the Mega Ball, and as the multiplier was four, is worth \$40,000. The ticket was sold at New Hope Convenient Store on Nash Street in **Wilson**. The jackpot for the Tuesday, Aug. 31 drawing is reset to an estimated \$12 million if taken as an annuity or \$8.3 million if the lump-sum payment is chosen. A \$1 million winning ticket sold in **Matthews** from the Aug. 20 drawing has yet to be claimed.

The “Carolina Cash 5” top prize is currently \$377,000. It has rolled since the Aug. 21 drawing when a brother and sister team from **Lillington** and **Willow Spring** matched all five white balls and won \$183,289.

The North Carolina Education Lottery has paid out more than \$4.5 million in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Thursday, Aug. 26. “Carolina Pick 3” players have won more than \$827,000. “Carolina Pick 4” players have won more than \$215,000 including 11 tickets that won the top prize of \$5,000. “Carolina Cash 5” players have won more than \$158,000.

Winners in the Aug. 27 Mega Millions drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Susan Swain	Goldsboro	\$40,000	New Hope Convenient Store 4823 Nash St. N.W., Wilson
Derek McWilliams	Stallings	\$10,000	Gate #416 14622 Lawyers Rd., Stallings

Winner in the Aug. 21 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Rodney Johnson	Wilmington	\$200,000	Scotchman #180 815 Pine Grove Rd., Wilmington

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Herbert Braswell	Magnolia	\$10,000	Cash Spectacular
Della Hodge	Louisburg	\$6,000	Quick 6's
Terry Astrop	Walkertown	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Thomas Barrow	Winston Salem	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Josephine Pendergrass	Franklin	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Faye Shaw	King	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza
Sheila Wilson	Pfafftown	\$5,000	\$200 Million Extravaganza

Carolina Cash 5 Top Prize Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	335

Powerball Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$74.5 Million - \$141.4 Million	3
\$200,000 - \$2 Million	189
\$10,000 - \$100,000	1077

Mega Millions Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$12 Million and above	1
\$250,000 - \$1 Million	9
\$10,000 - \$40,000	43

The Powerball numbers are since May 31, 2006.

The Mega Millions numbers are since Feb. 1.

The totals do not include unclaimed prizes.

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100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-olds, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.

For prizes of \$5,000 and greater, 25% federal tax and 7% state tax are automatically withheld.