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## Chicagoan Hits \$12.25 Million Lotto Jackpot

**CHICAGO. – June 25, 2010** – Donald Lynn is Illinois Lottery's new millionaire, winning the \$12.25 million jackpot from the Saturday, June 12, 2010, Lotto drawing. Chosen as a quick pick by Lynn at the South Pulaski Mobil located at 4540 S. Pulaski Road in Chicago, the winning numbers were 6, 21, 29, 36, 43 and 46.

"Everyone has imagined what it would be like to win the jackpot, but the reality is different," said Lynn, a carpenter and avid Lottery player who's been playing since 1974. "It hasn't even hit me yet. I still can't even conceive what it is like."

Lynn went to a nearby retailer to check his ticket the Monday following the drawing as usual before heading to work. However, he was in for quite a shock when the cashier told him that he was the Lotto jackpot winner.

"I couldn't believe it. I called my wife right away and told her not to go anywhere because I needed her to give me a ride downtown to claim the ticket," Lynn continued.

Once Lynn claimed the ticket, he and his wife treated both of their parents to a nice lunch to tell them about their new found fortune. So far, Lynn has not decided what he and his family will do with the winnings.

"Another happy player has hit the jackpot and we are ecstatic. Being able to award our players with large jackpot winnings such as this is certainly one of the things that make my job so great," said Jodie Winnett, acting superintendent for the Illinois Lottery. "I can't think of a better way to show how Lottery dreams can come true than highlighting Donald's big win."

South Pulaski Mobil, the retailer that sold the ticket, also will receive a \$122,500 bonus for selling the winning ticket, 1 percent of the jackpot.

### **About the Illinois Lottery**

Founded in 1974, the Illinois Lottery is a state agency with annual sales over \$2 billion. Since its inception, the Lottery has contributed more than \$14 billion to the state Common School Fund to assist K-12 public schools. Players must be at least 18 years old. For more information on the Illinois Lottery please visit our Web site at [www.illinoislottery.com](http://www.illinoislottery.com).

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