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## **Curiosity Doesn't Always Kill the Cat** *Hickory Hills resident wins \$2 million from Illinois Lottery instant ticket*

**Hickory Hills, Ill. – September 18, 2007** – Stanislaw Kurniawa, a 36-year-old Hickory Hills resident, let her curiosity get the best of her when she purchased an Illinois Lottery “Maximum Millions” instant ticket; turns out that purchase turned her into a \$2 million winner.

Kurniawa, a housekeeper, purchased the “Maximum Millions” instant ticket when she stopped at a Shell gas station to fill up her car on her way to work. When she saw the ticket and realized she never bought it before, she decided to take a chance and purchase it. As she scratched the ticket off in the store, she realized immediately that she was a \$2 million winner.

“I’ve played the Illinois Lottery for five years, buying tickets when I feel lucky,” said Kurniawa. “I’ve never won before so I couldn’t believe it. I went to the Lottery claim’s office that day.”

Kurniawa’s family is also really excited about the winning. The first people she told was her husband, John, who said he is still in disbelief, and her 15-year-old son who said he’s really happy his mom won. Kurniawa will use a portion of her winnings to buy a new house for her family.

The Illinois Lottery’s “Maximum Millions” instant ticket sells for \$20 and offers more than \$72 million in prizes, including four top prizes of \$2 million each. Kurniawa is the game’s first big winner.

The Shell retailer, located at 5344 S. Harlem in Summit, will receive a bonus of 1 percent of the top prize, or \$20,000, for selling the ticket.

### **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

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