

Another lottery-made millionaire

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A Kansas City couple had their best Christmas ever after finding out they won the \$71.5 million Powerball jackpot, the sixth-largest lottery prize ever sold in Missouri.



Forty-nine year old Kevin Carlson and his wife claimed the prize at the lottery's Jefferson City headquarters on December 26. Carlson also celebrated his birthday on December 27, one day after discovering the win.

Carlson, a mechanic, said he bought Missouri Lottery tickets often when he made his usual stop at Autobahn BP, 7538 N.W. Prairie View Road in Platte Woods.

"Every morning that I work, I stop to get a coffee and a little something to eat," said Carlson.

On Dec. 26, he stopped by the convenience store and discovered he held the only winning ticket from the Christmas Day Powerball drawing, which was worth \$71.5 million.

"The first time I scanned it, I didn't believe it, so I scanned it again," he said. "I kind of went nuts."

Carlson said he already quit his job as a mechanic, but his wife plans to continue working.

"Now that I don't work, I plan to use my time to figure out what to do with the money," he added.

In addition to paying bills and helping their two grown children financially, the couple also plans to take a trip for their upcoming 30th wedding anniversary. Carlson said he also would like to get the car he has always wanted: a 1968 Camaro.

Along with the Carlson's prize, Autobahn BP will receive a bonus of \$50,000 for selling the winning jackpot ticket.

The Carlson's are the 28th players to win a Powerball jackpot in Missouri, and the 389th Missouri Lottery-made millionaires since the Lottery began in 1986.