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\$144 Million POWERBALL® Jackpot Prize Claimed ***Native Washingtonian Wins Largest POWERBALL Jackpot in D.C. Lottery's History***

Washington, D.C. – After three weeks of speculating about who won the D.C. Lottery's largest POWERBALL jackpot prize of \$144 million on April 8, 2009, the ticket was validated and prize claimed at the agency's Claim Center on Monday, May 4 by Rockson, LLC, which was represented by attorney David Wilmot.

D.C. Lottery history was made on April 8 when the only winning ticket for the \$144 million POWERBALL jackpot was purchased at Giant Foods, 1525 Alabama Avenue, S.E. – the largest and 11th POWERBALL jackpot won in the District of Columbia.

In representing Rockson, LLC, a limited liability corporation, Wilmot said the winner is an 82-year-old, lifelong District resident. "He is a parent, grandparent, and great-grandparent. He has 10 children and 47 grandchildren and great-grandchildren." The winner, according to Wilmot, is active in the community, particularly in Southeast. To continue his good works, he established three trusts: one for education, a second for healthcare, and a third for charitable giving. Rockson, LLC selected to take the prize as one lump sum of \$79.6 million.

Wilmot said that the winner found out the next day that he had won the jackpot. "He checked the numbers in the newspaper." The winner also kept his multimillion dollar jackpot hit a secret from his family until the night before the press conference, when he held a family meeting. "There is love in the family," Wilmot said. "There is love for the prize winner."

The D.C. Lottery's Executive Director Jeffrey "Jay" Young said this is an exciting time for the player, Giant, D.C. Lottery, and the Washington, D.C. community. "Lots of people win with the D.C. Lottery. Lots of people win," he said, before naming the most recent \$200,000 and \$10,000 POWERBALL winners, which included one who won with the same drawing as the \$144 million POWERBALL winner.

The D.C. Lottery has been selling POWERBALL since 1992, and the revenue generated from POWERBALL along with the agency's other games is transferred to the District's General Fund.

More information about the D.C. Lottery and its games is available at www.dclottery.com

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