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# MISSING MANHATTAN MULTI-MILLIONAIRE! Unclaimed \$24 Million Lotto Ticket Purchased in Tribeca Expires May 25!

Somewhere in Manhattan, a New York Lottery player is a multimillionaire and doesn't know it yet. And the player only has a few more days to come forward to claim the life-changing prize.

A single winning ticket for the May 25, 2016 Lotto drawing was purchased at Renu Corp Grocery & Tobacco located at 158 Church Street in Tribeca. However, to date, the owner of the ticket has not come forward to claim the prize. The winnings may be claimed up to a year after the drawing, which means the prize expires at the end of the day on May 25, 2017 – next Thursday.

"A lucky New Yorker has a \$24 million Lotto payday just waiting – but the winner has to act fast as time is running out," said Gweneth Dean, Director of the Commission's Division of the Lottery. "We urge New York Lottery players: Check your pockets. Check your glove box. Look under the couch cushions. If you have this winning ticket, we look forward to meeting you."

Prizes can be claimed up to a year after the drawing, which means the lucky winner has just about one week to come forward and collect the \$24 million Lottery prize.

Lottery officials recommend that the ticket holder sign the back of the ticket and contact them immediately. The winner may claim the ticket at any one of the <u>Lottery's Customer Service Centers</u> across the state. Click <u>here</u> to learn how to redeem a prize or call New York Lottery's Prize Payments Office at 518-388-3370.

As is always the case, in the event the prize is not claimed by May 25, 2017, the prize money will be returned to the prize pool for future winners. It is sometimes used to subsidize prizes for large jackpots, promotions and/or special one-time games.

### Join the New York Lottery's 50th Anniversary!

The New York Lottery turns 50 this year! Help us celebrate North America's most profitable Lottery:

- Join us at Albany's Empire State Plaza on the Lottery's 50th Anniversary on Friday, June 16, 2017 at 12:15 p.m. for a special celebration, including live midday Numbers and Win 4 drawings with Yolanda Vega, giveaways, promotions and much more!
- More celebrations will take place at the Great New York State Fair in August.
- Beginning June 1, 2017: All eligible draw game and scratch-off tickets can be entered into the 50th Anniversary Sweepstakes through the <u>New York Lottery Players Club</u> or on the Players Club mobile app (<u>iTunes</u> / <u>Google</u>).

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#### **About the New York Lottery**

The New York Lottery continues to be North America's largest and most profitable Lottery, contributing \$3.27 billion in fiscal year 2016-2017 to help support education in New York State. The

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Lottery's contribution represents approximately 14 percent of total state education aid to local school districts.

New York Lottery revenue is distributed to local school districts by the same statutory formula used to distribute other state aid to education. It takes into account both a school district's size and its income level; larger, lower-income school districts receive proportionately larger shares of Lottery school funding.