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## **Calgary resident hits the jackpot with \$5 million LOTTO 6/49 win**

Derek Maher is Calgary's first lottery millionaire of 2018. He won \$5 million on the January 3 LOTTO 6/49 draw.

Maher said he always buys his lottery tickets from the same store – the 7-Eleven convenience store at 166 Crowfoot Way NW. And that's exactly where he bought his \$19 ticket for January 3.

The Calgary resident matched all six winning numbers drawn on one of his quick pick selections. The winning numbers were 3, 13, 20, 35, 37 and 39. Maher's ticket was the only one across Canada to match all six numbers, so he won the entire \$5 million jackpot.

Maher stopped back in at the 7-Eleven a few days later to check his tickets on the store's self-service ticket checker. He figured he'd won something right away, but he wasn't sure how much.

"I didn't have my glasses, so I couldn't read it," he remembered. "The numbers were blurry – but there were a lot of them."

"I called my daughter to come to the store and help me read the amount," he said.

With his daughter's help, the \$5 million prize came into clearer focus.

Maher said he hasn't made any plans for his windfall yet. But he added that the prize will help to provide long-term financial security for his children. He may also take his mother on a Panama cruise.

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