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Novice Lottery Player Claims \$1 Million Lottery Prize

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LITTLE ROCK – Today a 28-year-old White Hall woman, who only has played the lottery twice, claimed a lottery prize of \$1 million. Shayla Burton’s win came from the \$20 instant-ticket game, Ultimate Millions.

The top prize amount for Ultimate Millions is \$1 million. Two top prizes now remain on that ticket.

Burton purchased the winning ticket from Sam Food Mart, 100 W. Grand and Division St. in Humphrey Wednesday. Burton was with her father, Leslie, who has been playing the lottery since 2009.

“My dad purchased a couple of \$1 and \$3 tickets and urged me to purchase a \$20 ticket,” Burton said.

Burton decided to take a chance but initially didn’t realize her decision paid off. Her inexperience playing lottery caused her to become confused after she scratched the ticket.

“Since I’ve only played the lottery twice, I didn’t know how to read it,” she said. “I knew one person who wouldn’t have a problem determining if I won – my dad.”

Burton plans to make home improvements and help children in White Hall and Pine Bluff with her winnings.

“I still can’t believe that I won! I didn’t get much sleep last night, but I got more than my dad. He only slept an hour,” she said.

Burton is the 69th Arkansas lottery-made millionaire since 2009.

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