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\$400,000 POWERBALL TICKET CLAIMED

After four weeks of waiting, two people showed up at the Lottery on Friday to claim the \$400,000 Powerball ticket, only to add more suspense to "who won it."

The two individuals, who wish to remain anonymous, claimed the January 26 winning Powerball ticket. The lucky players, both from Bismarck, have been pooling their lottery tickets with the agreement to split the winnings.

"Sometimes we don't check our tickets for weeks," was the comment from one of the winners. After reading the story in the newspaper, the duo began checking the winning numbers on the Lottery's website. "We couldn't believe we won. I kept checking the ticket again and again to make sure my eyes weren't playing tricks on me!"

The winning Powerball with Power Play ticket, purchased at Main Tesoro in Bismarck, matched the five white balls and because the multiplier was two, the \$200,000 prize doubled to \$400,000. The winners do not have plans to spend the prize money. "Right now we are still trying to absorb the fact that we won," was another comment. "Pinch me! I can't believe this is real," remarked one of the winners as they left the Lottery office.

Overall, Lady Luck has found fourteen winners in North Dakota who have won \$100,000 or more playing Powerball since the game was launched in 2004. The jackpot for Wednesday's draw has climbed to \$133 million with a cash option of \$65.1 million. To check for winning numbers or to learn more about the Lottery visit the website at www.lottery.nd.gov.

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