

Vermont Lottery News Release

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Prize Letter Notification Scam

BERLIN, VT. – June 4, 2009 – Today the Vermont Lottery issued a “**Scam Alert**” regarding letters currently being received by some Vermont residents. The letters claim to be from a “Powerball Prize Dispatch Dept.” The letter has a “Powerball” logo, a “Multi-State Lottery” logo, and contact information on the masthead. The contact information **is not** from Powerball, or the Multi-State Lottery.

There is a Canada Post stamp on the envelope, and the phone number listed is from British Columbia, Canada.

The letter advises the individual they won \$250,000 in a Powerball draw on a specified date. There is a check enclosed in the amount of \$2,950 to “cover any costs involved in the claiming process of your total prize”.

The Vermont Lottery advises that no winner of any Powerball prize will be notified by mail, and that there are no costs involved in filing a claim at the Lottery office.

This lottery scam has been brought to the attention of the Vermont Attorney General’s office. Please call the Lottery if you, or someone you know, has received such a letter.

Please visit our website at www.vtlottery.com - where you can find additional information about fraudulent activity and player safety tips.

Vermont lottery games are sold at almost 700 locations throughout the state.

All profits from Vermont Lottery are used to support the Vermont Education Fund. Vermont Lottery officials encourage everyone to play responsibly.

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