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PHILADELPHIA TRUCK DRIVER WINS \$1 MILLION ON MEGA MILLIONS® TICKET BOUGHT DURING TEXAS RUN

(Austin) – Arthur Lee Holmes does not get through Texas as often as he would like, but every time he’s here he buys a multi-draw *Mega Millions*® ticket with the *Megaplier*® feature. The Philadelphia truck driver’s most recent purchase won him \$1 million in last Friday’s *Mega Millions* drawing.

“At first I thought I had not won because the numbers on the printout were shown as they had been drawn, and I had them in sequential order from another source,” Holmes said. “When I got hold of myself and really looked at my ticket and the printout together, it quickly became a matter of where I would collect my prize. I was on my way to Tulsa from near Fort Worth this weekend, and had to bring back a load to deliver in Humble this morning, which is the long way of saying I collected my prize in the Houston Claim Center.”

The numbers on Holmes’ ticket are not quite personal selections. Several years ago he got a Quick Pick that had numbers he liked and has been playing them ever since. He won on the first of the 10 drawings on his multi-draw ticket.

“After I pay off my debts, I’m going to save some of my prize for retirement and also share it with my family,” he said. “They’ll be really surprised; they don’t know yet. I had one chance to redeem my ticket this week because I’m on my way to Chicago and I don’t know when I’ll be back. Even though I will buy lottery tickets in other states, I’ll be checking my Texas Lottery tickets frequently.”

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“*Mega Millions* is a favorite not just among Texas players, it has fans all over the country,” said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. “While we know that Mr. Holmes can buy *Mega Millions* tickets in any one of 42 jurisdictions, we’re pleased that he won such a significant prize with a ticket he purchased in Texas.”

Holmes bought the ticket at the Golden Express Truck Stop, 8417 North U.S. Highway 287 in Alvord. The numbers drawn were 2-7-18-32-53, and the Mega Ball was 18. The *Megaplier* number was four.

Friday’s *Mega Millions* jackpot is an estimated \$140 million. The *Lotto Texas*® jackpot for tonight is an estimated \$15 million, and the *Powerball*® jackpot is an estimated \$72 million. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official website at www.txlottery.org.

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