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## Wife Wins \$24,327 *Lotto Texas*<sup>™</sup> Prize After Husband Gives Her Another's Unwanted Ticket



Jackie Mann holds a ceremonial check for \$24,327 from last week's *Lotto Texas* drawing.

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(Austin, July 12) - A customer told Wayne Mann of the Texaco Food Mart that he wasn't going to pay for the *Lotto Texas*<sup>™</sup> ticket he had just asked for. Mann had no choice but to buy the unwanted ticket. And it was a good thing he did, too, because the ticket he gave his wife matched five of the six numbers drawn for the July 7 *Lotto Texas* drawing.

"This isn't the first time a Texas Lottery winner has won with a ticket that was rejected by another player," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Reagan E. Greer. "We've had players win millions of dollars with tickets that were turned away by somebody else. You just never know when you're going to win, and the Manns proved it. They bought a ticket not of their choosing, but it turned out to match five of the winning numbers in last week's *Lotto Texas* for a prize of \$24,327."

"When tickets are rejected by customers, we have to pay for them," Mann said. "But I don't mind doing it. This time, it really paid off."

Mann and his wife, Jackie, own the Texaco Food Mart, located at 502 W. Main Street in Johnson City.

"I've won \$300 to \$400 playing scratch offs, but never anything like this," Mrs. Mann said. "When Wayne told me that we'd won \$24,000, I thought he was playing a joke on me."

One of the Mann's employees showed Mr. Mann the winning numbers printout with the correct numbers.

"When I ran the ticket through the terminal, the message saying to go to the Lottery came up, so I thought I'd won a few thousand dollars," he said. "But then when I saw the printout and it said there was only one ticket that matched five of six numbers, I just didn't believe it. I went home and checked the numbers on the Lottery web site, and there they were. It takes a

while to sink in."

The Manns said they had no big plans for their winnings, but their grandson, Jacob, who came with them to the claim center at Lottery headquarters, said one word to his grandmother, "Wave Runner."

"I guess that's what we'll do," Mrs. Mann said. "Tonight we'll go to dinner to celebrate and think about getting that Wave Runner."

Tomorrow night's *Mega Millions*<sup>TM</sup> jackpot is an estimate \$20 million. Wednesday's *Lotto Texas* jackpot is an estimated \$5 million.

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