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EIGHTEENTH PRIZE OF \$1 MILLION AWARDED IN \$500,000,000 BLOCKBUSTER SCRATCH-OFF GAME

(Austin) – The *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* is living up to its reputation as a big game, awarding the eighteenth second-tier prize of \$1 million. Usha Daftary of Plano claimed the prize at the Texas Lottery® Field Office in Dallas.

With more than half a billion dollars in total prizes, the *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* features overall odds of one in 2.77, including break-even prizes. Six top prizes worth \$2.5 million each and 22 second-tier prizes of \$1 million remain unclaimed.

The winning ticket was purchased at the Tom Thumb #2554 located at 3100 Independence Parkway in Plano, making the store eligible for a \$10,000 retailer bonus.

The claimant requested minimal publicity.

Tomorrow's *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$143 million. Wednesday's drawings include an estimated *Powerball*® jackpot of \$252 million and an estimated *Lotto Texas*® jackpot of \$80 million.

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