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***MEGAPLIER*[®] STRIKES AGAIN, SPRING RESIDENT CLAIMS \$1 MILLION *MEGA MILLIONS*[®] PRIZE**

(Austin) – Spring resident John H. Smith III claimed a \$1 million *Mega Millions*[®] prize yesterday at the Texas Lottery[®] claim center in Houston.

Smith's ticket matched all five numbers (3 – 19 – 21 – 44 – 45), but not the Mega Ball (29) drawn on September 30. Since Smith spent an extra \$1 to *Megaply*[®] his ticket, what would have been a \$250,000 5-of-5 prize increased to a guaranteed \$1 million.

The winning ticket was purchased at the Corner Food Mart located at 4634 Irvington Blvd. in Houston.

The claimant requested minimal publicity.

Tonight's *Mega Millions* jackpot is an estimated \$12 million. Wednesday's *Powerball*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$58 million, and the *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$11 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit www.txlottery.org.

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