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FORT WORTH MEGA MILLIONS® PLAYER CLAIMS \$250,000 PRIZE, HITS THE HOUSE HUNTING TRAIL



(AUSTIN) – Before last week, Juan M. Hernandez of Fort Worth, had never won more than \$10 playing the Texas Lottery[®], but on Friday he claimed a \$250,000 second-tier prize for matching five of five numbers in last Tuesday's *Mega Millions*[®] drawing.

"I bought the newspaper after work to check the numbers and there it was," said Hernandez. "I just can't believe it!"

Though this is Hernandez's first big Texas Lottery win, he already knows the first thing he's going to do with the money.

"I'm going to buy a house." said Hernandez.

"We congratulate Mr. Hernandez on his good luck and on his future purchase," said Anthony J. Sadberry, acting executive director for the Texas

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Lottery. "His experience is proof that you can win big in *Mega Millions* even if you don't win the jackpot, and if you Megaply, you can multiply your non-jackpot winnings even more."

Mega Millions players choose five numbers from 1 to 56, and one Mega Ball number from a second field of numbers from 1 to 46. Each play costs a dollar. Players must match the five numbers plus the Mega Ball to win the jackpot. For an extra dollar, the Megaplier option, available only in Texas, allows players to multiply their non-grand/jackpot prize winnings two, three or four times.

Hernandez purchased his ticket at the Ocean Minimart IV located at 5101 E. Lancaster Ave. in Fort Worth.

Tonight's Mega Millions jackpot will be worth an estimated \$66 million.

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