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Bacliff Storeowner Needs A Little Convincing About Retailer Bonus Of \$150,000

(Austin, January 29) - - Bacliff Grocery & Deli manager Barket Ali had to spend some time convincing his boss and storeowner, Nooruddin Khawja, that the retailer had sold the only ticket matching all six numbers for the *Lotto Texas* drawing held on Wednesday, November 14, 2001. The drawing was worth an estimated \$15 million, and in accordance with lottery procedures, retailers are eligible to receive a bonus of one-percent for selling jackpot winning Lotto tickets.



Staff of Bacliff Grocery & Deli proudly displays \$150,000 ceremonial check.

"After I heard from the lottery, I immediately called him (Khawja)," Ali explained. "He didn't believe me, so I finally told him 'Call the lottery then.' "

A bonus check for \$150,000 ultimately persuaded the storeowner to believe his manager.

Today, Texas Lottery Commission Representative, Renè McCoy presented Khawja with a ceremonial check in celebration of the retailer's good fortune.

The Bacliff Grocery & Deli has been a Texas Lottery retailer for the last 5 years. The store has sold more than \$840,000 worth of lottery products since it opened. The store is located at 545 B Grand Avenue in Bacliff. ([See map](#) - will open in new browser.)

"Our lottery sales have improved," Ali explained. "They have gone up since we sold the winning ticket."

The winning Quick Pick ticket was purchased with the 25-year annuity payment option. The SMS Family Partnership, Ltd., claimed the first installment of \$600,000 on Wednesday, December 12th. The partners will receive \$600,000 every November for the next 24 years. The winning numbers drawn were: 53-38-42-44-24-18.

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