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GARLAND TEXAS TWO STEP® PLAYER PICKS UP \$225,000 PRIZE

(AUSTIN) – Juan Alvizo of Garland claimed a \$225,000 *Texas Two Step*® jackpot at the Texas Lottery® claim center in Dallas on Wednesday. Alvizo's ticket matched all five numbers (3 – 7 – 16 – 33) and the Bonus Ball (17) drawn on Feb. 20.

Alvizo said that he likes the simplicity of *Texas Two Step* and that he usually buys one or two tickets for each drawing. Alvizo plans to use some of his winnings to pay off bills and put the rest in savings.



Alvizo discovered his good fortune when he checked the winning numbers on the Texas Lottery website, “I couldn’t believe it when I read the numbers and saw that they matched mine,” he said. “This really comes at a good time.”

Alvizo purchased his ticket at the RaceTrac #183 located at 1355 State Highway 66 in Garland. The retailer is eligible to receive a \$2,250 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

“*Texas Two Step* has been around for more than a decade now,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “With overall odds of one in 32 and a \$5 prize just for matching the Bonus Ball, it’s easy to see why it remains a favorite of many players like Mr. Alvizo.”

Texas Two Step drawings are held on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:12 p.m. CST. Rolling jackpots start at \$200,000 and are paid in one lump-sum payment.

Friday’s *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$83 million. Saturday’s *Powerball*® jackpot is an estimated \$70 million, and the *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$6 million.

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Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$19 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$37 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed nearly \$14 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*, *Mega Millions*, *Lotto Texas*, *Texas Two Step*, *Pick 3*[™], *Daily 4*[™], *Cash Five*[®] and scratch-offs. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit **www.txlottery.org**.

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