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IRVING SCRATCH-OFF PLAYER "FINALLY" HITS IT BIG WITH TEXAS LOTTERY® BLACK TOP PRIZE

(AUSTIN) – James Clay of Irving had just one word to say win he realized he won the fifth of nine \$1 million top prizes in the *Texas Lottery* Black-Series IV-Limited Edition scratch-off game—"Finally!"

Longtime Texas Lottery player Clay said he'd won a \$10,000 prize a year or two ago and never really expected to cash in another big ticket. Now that he has though, the recently retired father of six says he has no intention of quitting while he's ahead.

"My wife says I'm done playing, but we'll just have to wait and see about that," said Clay. "I do know this much: I sure won't need to worry about where my next meal's going to come from."



Clay says he plans to use some of his winnings to pay off his home, take care of some bills and share with his children.

Clay, who claimed his prize at the Texas Lottery claim center in Dallas on Tuesday, purchased his ticket at the 7-Eleven # 24261 located at 1501 N. Cooper St. in Arlington. The store is eligible for a \$10,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

Eight \$1 million prizes and 13 prizes of \$10,000 each remain unclaimed in the *Texas Lottery Black-Series IV-Limited Edition* game. Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 3.29, including break-even prizes.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$20 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$40 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$15 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As

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authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including $Powerball^{\mathbb{R}}$, Mega $Millions^{\mathbb{R}}$, $Lotto\ Texas^{\mathbb{R}}$, $All\ or\ Nothing^{\mathbb{T}^{\mathsf{M}}}$, $Texas\ Two\ Step^{\mathbb{R}}$, $Pick\ 3^{\mathbb{T}^{\mathsf{M}}}$, $Daily\ 4^{\mathbb{T}^{\mathsf{M}}}$, $Cash\ Five^{\mathbb{R}}$ and scratch-offs. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org.

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