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Central Texas Lottery Retailers Receive Top Sales Awards

(Austin, August 27) - Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Linda Cloud today in Austin presented awards for the highest sales in the Austin sales district during the first six calendar months of 2002.

The top retailer is **Melvin's 19th Street Drive-In Grocery**, 1825 Alexander, in Waco. The store registered total sales of \$556,765.50.

EZ Way, located at 1400 W. Central Expressway in Killeen, is the second top-selling retailer. Their sales were \$534,763.50.

The third highest selling retailer is **Your C Store** in La Grange, with sales of \$489,007.50. The store's address is 809 E. Travis.

The Austin District, one of 10 sales districts in the state, includes 24 counties in Central Texas, with Bell County located in the geographic center of the area. There are approximately 1,600 active retailers in the district.

Since lottery tickets first went on sale in 1992, Austin district retailers have accounted for more than \$2.9 billion in sales, which represents approximately 10 percent of all lottery sales statewide. Austin district retailers have earned more than \$145 million in commissions.

Additionally, 43 *Lotto Texas* jackpot-winning tickets have been sold in the Austin district, earning retailers more than \$4.3 million in bonuses.

Area retailers have also sold 197 *Cash Five* five-of-five winning tickets, bringing them more than \$97,000 in bonuses.

In total, Austin district retailers have sold 255 top prize tickets, which includes all the online games and two instant games, *Weekly Grand* and *Instant Million*.

The *Lotto Texas* jackpot for Wednesday, August 28, is an estimated \$15 million.

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