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HOUSTON RESIDENT WINS \$1 MILLION PLAYING  
*\$500,000,000 BLOCKBUSTER* FROM TEXAS LOTTERY®

(**Austin**) –Rodney J. Benoit of Houston has claimed a prize of \$1 million, the second-tier award in *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster*, a Texas Lottery® scratch-off ticket.

Of the 40 second-tier prizes available in this game, Benoit's is the 19<sup>th</sup> claimed. *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* debuted in May of 2009. Since then, four of the 10 top prizes of \$2.5 million have been awarded.

Benoit purchased the ticket at the Eagle Mart #3, 11997 Main Street, in Houston. The store is eligible to receive a retailer bonus of \$10,000 for selling this ticket.

The winner requested minimal publicity.

Tonight's *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$16 million. Tomorrow's *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$12 million, and *Powerball*® is an estimated \$27 million. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official website at [www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org).

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