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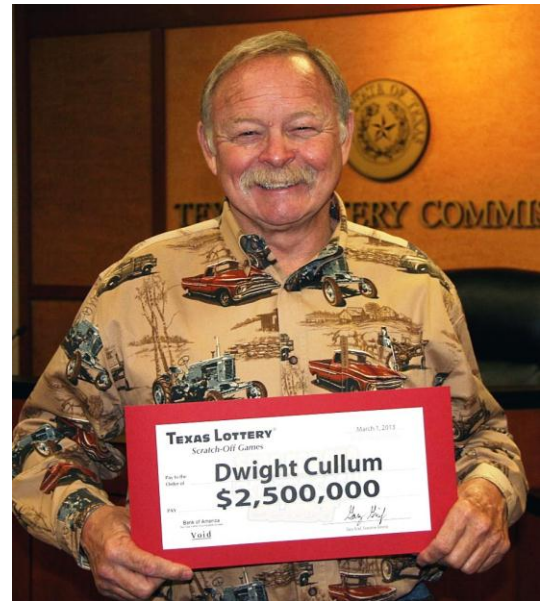
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THIRD TICKET'S A CHARM FOR \$2.5 MILLION SCRATCH-OFF WINNER FROM GRANBURY

(AUSTIN) – Dwight Cullum of Granbury didn't have much luck with the two scratch-off tickets he bought last Monday night, but that didn't stop him from going back for a third one on Tuesday morning. His perseverance paid off in a big way and by Friday, Cullum found himself at Texas Lottery® headquarters in Austin to claim the second of 10 \$2.5 million top prizes in the \$500,000,000 *Extreme Cash Blast* game.

Cullum knew he had a winner early on Tuesday; he just didn't realize quite how much.

"I scratched it part way off and thought I'd won my money back," said Cullum. "I was going to go into another store across the street to trade it in for another ticket."



Cullum decided he'd better finish scratching the ticket before he took it in and that's when he realized he'd done a lot better than breaking even.

"I looked at it once and then I looked at it twice and I thought to myself, well, ok," Cullum recalled. "Then I took it into the store and asked the clerk to look and see if he saw what I was seeing. He looked at it and his jaw just dropped."

Still a little in shock over his new-found fortune, Cullum then decided to call his wife to share the news.

"Well, she called me a liar at first, but then she started giggling when I promised her it was for real."

Cullum says he and his wife plan to invest most of the money. He's not planning to retire right away, but says he might cut back on work some.

"I still enjoy working, but I think it might be kind of nice to just hang out and do whatever I want to do a little more," said Cullum.

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Cullum purchased his ticket at the Wranglers located at 2163 E. Highway 377 in Granbury. The store is eligible for a \$10,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

Eight \$2.5 million prizes and 35 prizes of \$1 million each remain unclaimed in the \$20 *\$500,000,000 Extreme Cash Blast* game. Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 2.84, 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 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*®, *Mega Millions*®, *Lotto Texas*®, *All or Nothing*™, *Texas Two Step*®, *Pick 3*™, *Daily 4*™, *Cash Five*® and scratch-offs. For more information visit us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or at www.txlottery.org.

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