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HOUSTON RESIDENT CLAIMS *\$500,000,000* *BLOCKBUSTER* PRIZE WORTH \$1 MILLION

(AUSTIN) – Audencio Paz of Houston claimed a *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* prize worth \$1 million at the Texas Lottery® Claim Center in Houston. Six top prizes of \$2.5 million and 18 second-tier prizes of \$1 million remain unclaimed. Overall odds of winning any *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* prize are one in 2.77, including break-even prizes.

Paz, who requested minimal publicity, purchased the winning ticket at the E Z for U location at 2526 W. Mount Houston in Houston. For selling the winning ticket, the store is eligible for a \$10,000 retailer bonus.

Tonight's *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$12 million. Tomorrow's *Powerball*® jackpot is an estimated \$20 million, and the *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$5 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official website at www.txlottery.org.

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