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## ***Mega Millions*™ Winner Has Big Plans For \$175,000 Prize, Including Trip To Mcdonald's For Friend**



Kenneth Pfister said he's proud to be the latest Mega Millions winner. He collected \$175,000 from the Texas Lottery Tyler Claim Center.

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(Austin, April 29) - Texas Lottery® winners really know how to live it up. That includes Kenneth Pfister, Jr., of Texarkana, Arkansas, who just claimed his \$175,000 *Mega Millions*™ cash prize yesterday afternoon. He plans on taking his buddy, Peter, to McDonald's for a Big Mac.

"We've always teased each other that if either of us won, we had to go to McDonald's," said Pfister. "I'm making him pay for his own cheese though; I didn't agree to that."

Pfister said his other plans include paying off bills and buying his wife a brand new car.

"I've heard of trips to Disney or cruises to somewhere exotic from our winners, but this is a first for a trip to McDonald's," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director, Reagan E. Greer. "I'm glad to hear that Mr. Pfister has some other plans for his big win as well. I heard that he and his wife are going to look for a new sports utility vehicle to help carry around all their grandkids. That sounds like a goal really worth accomplishing."

Pfister learned he held the winning ticket on Wednesday morning. He explained that he was reading the *Texarkana Gazette*, and realized he had matched the first five numbers from the Tuesday, April 27, drawing.

The winning numbers drawn were: 1 - 10 - 17 - 23 - 35 and the Mega Ball number was 45.

"I'm so proud; it's amazing," Pfister said. "We're pretty excited."

The winning ticket was purchased at Fast N Low, located at 1625 West 7th in Texarkana, Texas.

"I started going there because they always seem to have winners there. They keep pictures of any winning scratch off games on the counter," he said. "I already stopped this morning and bought tickets for Friday night."

Friday's *Mega Millions* jackpot is worth an estimated \$45 million. Saturday's *Lotto Texas*™ jackpot is worth an estimated \$40 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Texas Lottery Commission Web site at <http://www.txlottery.org>